

CIA chief to face hearings on Iran arms

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr William Casey, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, will testify before the Senate intelligence committee this week about President Reagan's secret arms supplies to Iran.

Asked if he had considered resigning he said: "I talked to the President. Anything I have to say on that subject I would just say to him."

Asked if there would be further arms supplies to Iran he replied: "As far as I'm concerned, no."

Mr Casey is expected to testify on Friday, Admiral Poindexter said that the National Security Adviser had never been required to testify

cause that provides information to factions within Iran to identify who was dealing with us," he said.

The White House has embarked on an intensive propaganda effort to defend the competence of its key advisers.

Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser who went on a secret mission to Iran at the President's behest, cast doubt on whether any "moderate elements" existed in influential positions in Iran.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said he was staunchly opposed to the whole operation, although he was "sporadically informed of some details."

"We have a policy of not sending arms, and the President decided he would go ahead and send this signal. That's a decision he made... you can argue for it and you can argue against it."

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Mr Poindexter: Weapons "went to moderates"

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BP cash offer to fight Pretoria

From Michael Horasby Johannesburg

British Petroleum Southern Africa (BPSA), the largest single British investor in South Africa, has called for apartheid to be abolished, and said it is preparing to contribute to a multi-million-pound plan to help to bring this about.

The proposal comes at a time when two leading American multi-nationals, IBM and General Motors, have announced that they are withdrawing from South Africa, and selling their operations here to local companies.

Company sources said at the weekend that a figure of 100 million rands (about £30 million) was the "initial cost guide" for two specific schemes which BPSA has in mind.

About half of this money would be used to provide bridging finance to state schools which want to go private - thereby losing their government subsidy - so as to be able to admit pupils of all races.



Going home: The Queen Mother leaving the King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers yesterday.

Queen Mother to rest

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother returned to her home, Clarence House, yesterday after five days' hospital treatment for a leg injury.

Queen Mother, who was 86 in August, had made a full recovery but would spend the week resting at Clarence House. She will resume her busy schedule next Monday when she attends the Royal Variety Performance at Drury Lane.

Thatcher talks fail to bridge chasm

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A fundamental difference of approach to arms control between the US and Western Europe remained unresolved yesterday as the Prime Minister returned from her Camp David meeting with President Reagan.

The main issue: the US proposal to eliminate all ballistic nuclear missiles over ten years.

Baker set for Cabinet battle

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, was considering yesterday his response to the deal reached by four of the six teaching unions with local authorities on Saturday.

But a source close to Mr Baker revealed that the new deal, in particular its proposals on structure, could experience considerable difficulty in winning Cabinet approval.

If Mr Baker feels inclined to compromise and accept large parts of the deal reached at Acas headquarters on Saturday, he will probably have a political battle to convert some of his Cabinet colleagues round to his way of thinking.

Hasenfus sentence denounced

Washington (AP) - US Government officials have denounced the guilty verdict and 30-year sentence imposed by Nicaragua on the American mercenary Eugene Hasenfus as a predictable, propaganda move.

Moscow's new labour law poser

The delicate question of just how much private enterprise Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, is prepared to permit in the reformed Russian economy and the methods by which it will be regulated will be key issues during the biannual session of the Supreme Soviet opening here today.

Abortion urged for Aids mothers

About 300 infants in America have developed the disease, and experts predict there will be 3,000 or more paediatric cases by 1991.

Theatrical world suffers double loss

Mr Michael Croft, founder and director of the National Youth Theatre, died late on Saturday night of a heart attack, the third which he had suffered. He was aged 64.

Portfolio Gold

Three readers shared The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize on Saturday which had risen to £16,000 because there were no winners on three previous days.

Tomorrow

Whither the glory game? The game Britain taught the world is in crisis - in Britain. Football is under attack, from the Government, the public and educationalists opposed to sports competition among the young.

Homeowners get advice to curb cowboys

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr John Patten, the Housing Minister, will today announce the setting up of 50 new centres in high streets all over Britain designed to ensure that householders get value for money for up to £9 billion spent each year on home improvements and repairs.

In addition the centres will help them with supervision of the work and checking that it is correctly carried out.

Ministers are alarmed that a considerable proportion of that sum is wasted on cowboy builders.

The idea is to provide "one-stop shops" in high street locations. Householders will be able to go there for advice on what work needs doing in their homes, which local companies can be trusted, whether they qualify for home improvement grants, and how they can obtain loans or raise money to pay for repairs.

US insider quits as trust chief

Mr Ivan Boesky, the American who was fined a record \$100 million for insider trading offences in the United States, has resigned as a director and chairman of Cambrian & General Securities, the British investment trust. His shares in Cambrian, worth some £32 million, have been placed in escrow by a New York court.

Crisis for EEC over surpluses

From Richard Owen Brussels

Mr Frans Andriessen, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner, has warned EEC farm and finance ministers meeting for critical talks in Brussels today to "get a grip" on the problem of EEC food surpluses before the crisis gets out of hand.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Hussey dismisses Tebbit dossier

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, made no response yesterday to the rapid rejection by the new BBC chairman, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, of his call for an independent arbiter to settle the Conservative Party's quarrel over the corporation's reporting of the US bombing of Libya.

Rebuke over Aids

Party politics has no place in the fight against the disease Aids, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of States for Social Services, said yesterday. His remarks were an implied rebuke for Mr Michael Hessey, Labour's health spokesman, who criticized ministers for planning their hopes on a £10 million programme of public education and said that up to £100 million should be spent on research.

Boiler kills two

Two men were thought to have died when a 3,500-ton boiler collapsed on them at the dissolved Thornhill Lees power station near Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, yesterday.

Base vote by CND

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is to step up action against US bases with demonstrations in towns and cities calling for American withdrawal from Britain.

MI5 'helped authors'

The Government is not concerned that books published about MI5, apparently with the help of its former members, will compromise its case in the Australian courts over the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright.

Thatcher porn plea

The Prime Minister is supporting Mrs Mary Whitehouse (right) who is seeking an MP to introduce a Bill tightening pornography production and importation controls and to extend the obscenity laws to cover broadcasting.



Iran cleared to buy army Land Rovers

The Government is unlikely to block a proposed sale of Land Rovers to Iran even if they are destined for military service, sources in Whitehall indicated yesterday.

The Government is determined to remain neutral in the Gulf war but has also steadfastly refused to impose any sort of arms embargo, or any trade embargo, on the two sides.

At its most basic, all you need is a semi-skilled craftsman to drill a few holes in the floor to make it capable of carrying a tripod for a heavy-duty machine gun.

The enduring attraction of a Land Rover to armed forces worldwide is that it is capable of operating in so many ways under so many different conditions, one expert said.

Two dead in protest riots over Irish accord

Two people died and 71 were injured during rioting and looting which erupted as tens of thousands of "loyalists" protested on the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

As the couple examined the damage to their home, the distraught and frightened woman was taken ill and died before reaching hospital.

Yesterday, at a special magistrates court in the city, an all-night curfew was imposed on 15 men facing charges arising out of the disturbances and three men were detained in custody.



Mrs Sharon Jennings, whose husband died in the Shetland helicopter crash, in hospital in Middlesbrough yesterday with Rachel, her newly born daughter.

Tory pledge likely on union controls

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Conservative manifesto for the next election is now expected to contain pledges of a further series of law reforms designed to make trade unions more accountable to their members.

Daughter for widow after crash

The widow of one of the 45 victims of the Shetland helicopter crash has given birth to a daughter.

Mrs Sharon Jennings, aged 24, of Guisborough Street, Easton, Cleveland, was in Middlesbrough maternity hospital for the birth of her daughter, named Rachel, on Saturday.

Tories to target on town hall 'loonies'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Conservatives planning election strategy believe left-wing councilors could prove as big a vote loser for the Labour Party as its non-nuclear defence policy.

And, for voters too young to recall the Wilson and Callaghan governments, it can also be presented as an implacable forecast of what to expect if Mr Neil Kinnock is returned to Downing Street.

The growing politicization of education, exemplified by Brent's anti-racism crusade and Haringey's drive against heterosexism, will be a central theme of their attacks.

Other targets include pressure for local political control over the police, council grants to groups of homosexuals and lesbians, political patronage in staff appointments, and the renaming of streets and parks in honour of black activists in South Africa.

Conservative trade unionists yesterday spared the Government further embarrassment over its ban on trade unions at the GCHQ.

MP says benefit cut was illegal

The Government is today accused of unlawfully denying unemployment benefit to thousands of claimants by enforcing a clause of its Job Restart Scheme nine months before it had the power to do so.

UDM hits pay talks stalemate

By Tim Jones

Pay talks between the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers and British Coal appear to have reached a stalemate. Officials of the 35,000-strong union whose members helped the Government to break the miners' dispute by refusing to go on strike without a ballot, are "bitterly disappointed".

Mail 'cavalier' over complaint

The Press Council censured The Mail on Sunday yesterday for its cavalier attitude to a complaint about a report criticizing a nurse's home.

The council upheld a complaint by Mrs Joy Reid, chairman of North West Surrey Health Authority, Bodley Park and St Peter's Hospitals, Guildford Road, Chertsey, Surrey, who said the article was inaccurate and misleading and the newspaper provided no opportunity to the health authority to make a quick correction of the facts.

Teachers' dispute

Four unions sign schools peace pact

It proposes a two-year entry grade, with a starting salary of £7,893 and, from September next year, increments ranging from £9,970 to £15,058 spread over a 13-year period.

Four unions sign schools peace pact

By Mark Dowd, Education Correspondent

After more than 100 hours of talks four of the six teachers' unions signed a deal with their local authority employers at the weekend.

The deal were the National Union of Teachers (214,000 members), the Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association (87,000), the Professional Association of Teachers (35,000) and the Secondary Heads' Association (5,200).

Against were the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (127,000) and the National Association of Head Teachers (26,500).

The deputy head of the smallest primary school would move from £11,163 at present to £15,300, which is £50 more than the Government is offering.

Advertisement for 'The Corby Trouser Press' featuring a grid of 16 cartoon panels with humorous dialogue and a large illustration of a man in a suit.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'College in...', 'schemes fac...', 'near tests', 'daily in both', 'says union', 'Minister', 'box almost', 'behind', 'likely to delay le...'.

Handwritten number '150' in a box.

Tories to target on town hall 'loonies'

College urges controls as clinics tackle NHS smear tests backlog

By Jill Sherman

The Royal College of Pathologists is trying to impose greater controls over private laboratories processing cervical smears as it fears that some companies are exploiting National Health Service staff and providing substandard services.

Dr Trotter said that the college had evidence that many NHS technicians, tired after a day's work, were "moonlighting" in private firms. There was also some proof that positive smears were missed. He cited a case at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, last year, where a quality control test showed that a private laboratory failed to notice four out of five positive smears.

members had used or heard of, often through advertisements in medical publications. The college asked them to supply details of the workload undertaken, quality control arrangements and whether they wished to register with the college.

Mentally ill being abused says union

Private landlords are lining their pockets with supplementary benefit payments made to the mentally ill, the health service's biggest union, Cohse says (Jill Sherman writes).

this is often paid directly to the landlord. Mr Bob Quick, Cohse's East Midlands regional secretary, said: "It has opened the door for the get-rich-quick merchants. There are people who see a quick buck in the community."

NHS cuts causing exodus

Many of Britain's top doctors and scientists are attracted to jobs abroad because of the lack of funding in the health service is inhibiting their work, claims the British Medical Association.

GPs want change in directive

A demand that the General Medical Council change its directive to doctors on the confidentiality of medical treatment for minors was agreed at the Royal College of General Practitioners at the weekend.

Murdered boy almost beheaded

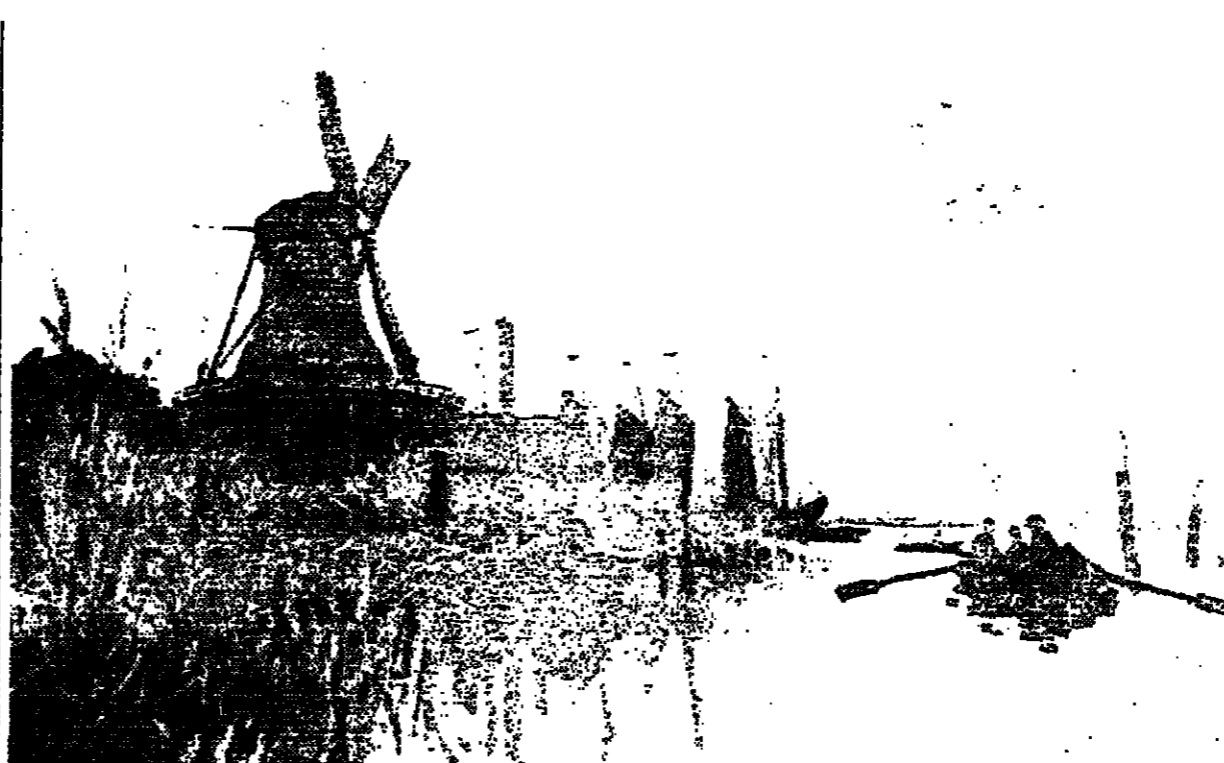
A boy aged 15 who was found stabbed to death in a ditch was almost beheaded in the frenzied attack, a post-mortem examination disclosed yesterday.

Family to delay legal action decision

BBC has maintained that an equipment failure was not to blame. At the family home in Hedge End, Southampton, yesterday, Mr Lush's brother-in-law, Mr Paul Grzelak, said there were no immediate plans to mount an action against the corporation.

The Late, Late Breakfast Show, whose success was partly built on getting members of the public to perform dangerous stunts, was scrapped permanently by the BBC over the weekend.

Mr Edmonds said he did not have the heart to carry on and that there was no alternative but to cancel the series.



One of the masterpieces in next month's sale is Claude Monet's "Moulin à Vent et bateaux à Zaandam, of 1872".



Among the bidders? (from left): Mr Alfred Taubman, Baron Henry Thyssen, Giovanni Agnelli and Mr Bob Guccione.

Modern art sales could fetch \$60m

The London sales of Impressionist and modern pictures, scheduled for the first week of December, are the most important for a quarter of a century.

Six Tamils held after fire deaths

Six Tamils have been arrested in connection with the death of three Asians in a firebomb attack in east London on Friday.



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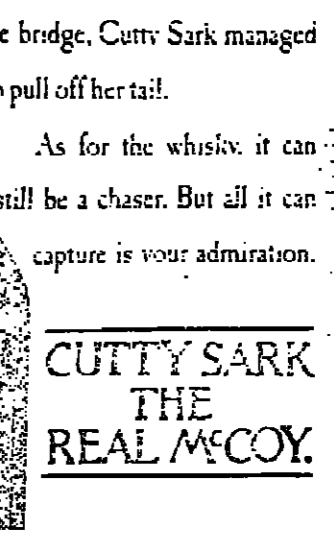
Robert Burns did it. First, he wrote about a farmer called Tam o'Shanter and his grey mare Meg. Then he had them ride past a church one miserable night while the premises were suspiciously bright and noisy.

Portfolio Gold Three take a share in big prize

Three readers share Saturday's Portfolio Gold prize of £16,000. Mrs Ica Dunn, aged 73, a retired cashier, from Monmouth in Gwent, has played the Portfolio Gold game for the past two months.

Bath degrees

A list of degrees awarded by the University of Bath will be published tomorrow.



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Credit laws fail to stop misleading advertising on second mortgages

By Michael Dynes

Deceptive advertising designed to exploit borrowers already in severe financial difficulty has exposed serious weaknesses in the Consumer Credit Act.

The advertisements have led to calls for changes in the way the Office of Fair Trading interprets the regulations governing the sale of credit.

The demand for reform comes from reputable financiers and brokers who fear that the sharp practices employed by a growing number of small finance companies and brokers is bringing the industry as a whole into disrepute.

An inquiry by *The Times* Home Front campaign has also disclosed that misleading advertisements, dubious sales techniques and "equity lending" have become increasingly widespread during the past year because of the absence of effective regulations to prevent them.

Equity lending attracts unscrupulous firms who lend only to borrowers who have already paid off more than half of their mortgage.

The lenders are fully aware that the people who come to them are already in financial trouble, and there is a good chance that they will fall into arrears again, giving the loan company the right to possess the property. According to county court registrars and money advice centres spoken to by *The Times*, this practice is on the increase.

These companies attract customers with highly emotive advertisements in the national newspapers claiming to offer "the only way out" for debtors with mortgage arrears, credit card debts, county court judgements and possession orders against them.

According to Mr Peter Walker, chairman of the Corporation of Finance Brokers, many of these companies attract customers by initially offering relatively modest rates of interest, and then switching customers on to much higher interest rates because of the customer's poor debt profile.

Because of a flaw in the Consumer Credit Act, prospective borrowers are often

unable to compare the cost of various loan schemes as companies and brokers are not required to show their charge, often more than 10 per cent, for arranging a loan when they show the annual percentage rate of interest, or APR.

For example, one Liverpool-based company recently advertised loans at an APR of 18.8 per cent. At the same time, a London-based company advertised loans at an



APR of 15.9 per cent. Ostensibly, a prospective borrower would be better off taking out a loan from the London firm.

But a closer look at the repayment tables shows that a customer borrowing say £5,000 over five years from the Liverpool firm would be paying £125.35 per month, while the same loan from the London firm would cost £130.35 per month, a difference of £300 over five years.

The London firm, like many other companies operating in the second mortgage market, exploits the loophole in the consumer credit law which does not require companies to incorporate their charge for arranging the loan in the APR figure.

Pamphlets published by the Office of Fair Trading urge consumers to compare the APRs of the various loans on offer, and claim that "the lower the APR the better the deal". But because there is no requirement to include in the APR the fee for arranging the loan, the APR is frequently an inaccurate guide to the cost of a loan.

Mr Walker said: "If the APR is to mean anything, it should include the fee for arranging a loan. The fact that it doesn't is a major anomaly in the law. If the Office of Fair Trading believes that it is interpreting the law correctly, then the law clearly needs to be amended."

Housing group calls for greater spending

By Our Property Correspondent

A complete overhaul of government policy on housing is an urgent priority in tackling Britain's housing problems, the newly-formed National Housing Forum says in its first important statement, to be published today.

The measures needed include increased capital investment in housing from public and private sources, more freedom for local authorities to spend capital, and greater fiscal neutrality between home-ownership and the rented sectors, the NHF says.

The group, formed earlier this year, has 16 members representing the breadth of the housing spectrum, including local authorities, housing associations, private builders, building societies and pressure groups such as Shelter.

It has agreed a radical package of proposals which it intends to press on the Government — and any future government.

The proposals are the result of a "common concern" that in many areas some people face problems of severe housing shortage and unsatisfactory housing conditions and that these problems are getting more acute.

In its statement the group concludes: "We recommend the Government provides an

authoritative assessment of future housing requirements against which renovations and house building performance can be assessed".

The forum criticizes "anomalies" in the present financial arrangements for personal subsidies to occupiers, both between home owners and tenants and between richer and poorer owners.

It says: "We believe current arrangements for housing finance, including mortgage interest tax relief, Exchequer and other grants should be considered to see whether there are reforms which would create greater fiscal neutrality and greater equity".

The forum seeks more freedom for local authorities to spend capital, including capital receipts from sales of council housing, on building and renovation, and calls for increased lending to responsible, publicly approved landlords of different kinds by investment institutions including building societies and pension funds.

It also calls for efforts to be made to avoid repeating design disasters of the 1960s by better on-site supervision, adequate testing and evaluation of prototype building methods and consultation with occupiers.

Holiday homes set on fire

Two more Welsh holiday homes were severely damaged in arson attacks yesterday. Both the homes were on Llyn Peninsula in Gwynedd — a chalet at Aberoch and a cliff-side cottage at Nefyn, 15 miles away.

Forensic scientists searched the debris in a hunt for clues. There have been seven arson attacks in Gwynedd since the summer and 200 in Wales since 1979.

Yesterday Mr Wyn Roberts, a Welsh Office minister, said: "These attacks are hurting tourism and the economies of local areas".

He pointed out that the Welsh Office was willing to help councils in countryside areas to buy vacant homes if there was a housing need locally.

"There have not been many applications," he added. "But many holiday homes are so remote they are not really suitable for local people with young families."

"The arson attacks are totally irrelevant with our housing problems, which are mainly to do with the matter of old housing stock."

Grade 'to move back to ITV'

A coincidence involving the resignation of a senior television executive and the staging of a symposium at his studios has prompted speculation that Mr Michael Grade may be invited to revert from the BBC to independent television (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

The rumours began flying when Mr Grade, the director of programmes, was seen in private conversation last week with Mr David Justham, chairman of Central TV.

Two days later Mr Bob Phillips announced that he was resigning as managing director of Central to join the Carlton Communications Group.

The BBC yesterday dismissed a report that Mr Grade, formerly of London Weekend Television, was being offered the job as "sheer speculation". Mr Grade, who is in the US to attend events marking the fiftieth anniversary of television, was not available for comment yesterday.

Mr Michael Green, Controller of BBC Radio 4, is to announce a programme review tomorrow.

Easy loans pushing up bottom of market

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

The ready availability of mortgage money is a prime cause of sharp price increases in houses for first-time buyers at the bottom end of the market, the Inland Revenue Valuation Office states in its autumn property report.

The report says of first-time buyers: "It is evident that the ease by which many of them have been granted up to 100 per cent mortgages at high multiples of earnings is now causing increased repossession problems."

"The granting of such mortgages is no favour to many of these purchasers." The Valuation Office, which has some 1,600 qualified valuers in England and Wales, claims it is in an unrivalled position to see the property market as a whole, for all sales are notified to the Inland Revenue.

The report says that resales of former council houses sold under the Right to Buy legislation are increasing, and there are likely to be more on offer when the period for the repayment of tenants' discount is reduced from five years to three under the Housing and Planning Act.

Property Market Report (Surveyors Publications, 12 Great George Street, London SW1 3AD).



Mr Peter Wilmers, of the Rossendale Groundwork Trust (right), and Mr Steve Wrighton, its fisheries officer, on board the Irwell Challenger, surveying the spot on the Irwell at Rawtenstall, Lancashire, where Mr Richard Branson, chairman of UK 2000, will today release the first of 118 trout. The ceremony will mark the creation of 118 Community Programme jobs.

How to learn architects' language

By Charles Kneivt Architecture Correspondent

Anyone who has ever tried to understand an architect's drawings can now use a simple guide produced by the Centre on Environment for the Handicapped by the Access Committee for England. *Reading Plans*, a series of drawings with explanatory

notes, has been written by Stephen Thorpe, an architect, who says that learning to read drawings is like trying to learn a foreign language at school. But armed with a scale rule and an understanding of what they depict, anyone can learn to speak the same tongue.

It is estimated that about 10 million people in Britain suf-

fer from some disability. The Government is backing proposals that local disability access groups should be consulted about plans for new buildings, especially those where there is public access, such as local authority departments, cinemas and theatres.

Mrs Sarah Langton-Lockton, director of the centre and

secretary to the Access Committee, said that access for the disabled is often considered to be a luxury. But those with a physical disability wanted to be treated as part of society, not as a separate group.

Reading Plans, including scale rule (Access Committee for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BJ, £2.50).

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Sometime in the days before Christmas the telephone will ring on the desks of Mr Bill Alexander, managing director of GEC Avionics at Rochester in Kent, and Mr Mark Miller, president of Boeing Aerospace, at his headquarters in Seattle.

Both calls will be from the same office within the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall but for one of the men the message will take the sparkle out of the seasonal festivities.

The Government is in the final stages of its consideration about which aircraft it will choose to provide Britain with its new generation of airborne early warning radar.

The decision, difficult enough on the straight technical questions, is further complicated by the potentially embarrassing political repercussions.

For if the Government plumps for the Boeing E-3 Awacs in favour of GEC's home-produced Nimrod it will effectively be writing off more than £900 million of taxpayers' money already pumped into the project, about 10 years of development work and potential ex-

One of the most crucial debates for Britain's future defence capability, the choice of the home-produced GEC Nimrod or the E-3 Awacs aircraft of America's Boeing company for the airborne early warning role, is coming to a climax. In the first of two articles Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent, looks at competition for the contract and the implications of the outcome.

port orders for the avionics system of up to £2 billion.

According to GEC, the company with the most to lose from the wrong telephone call, a "no" decision means that the Government will be writing the redundancy notices for 2,500 staff engaged on the project who will have to start looking for jobs the next day.

It also says that a no vote would take Britain out of the lucrative world market for airborne early warning systems, conceding domination to the Americans.

The search for a successor to the small and ageing fleet of Shackleton aircraft has been going on for a decade. The ministry gave the go-ahead for the Nimrod project in 1977 with the first aircraft expected to be delivered by 1982.

When it eventually did arrive, two years later, it failed the RAF evaluation and GEC

began an intensive programme to iron out the problems, mainly the clutter and false plots from the radar detection and tracking system.

Meanwhile, Boeing was proceeding with the delivery of 18 Awacs planes to a group of European Nato members; first ordered in 1978, the year after the ministry launched the Nimrod programme, the last of the Boeing planes were delivered last year.

In March the ministry gave GEC a short, new contract and invited competition. Six other companies joined the bid for the contract. In September it boiled down to a straight fight between GEC and Boeing.

Both companies submitted "best and final" bids to the ministry on November 6. They are now being evaluated by the procurement executive. Tomorrow: The rivals.



Sir Harry Secombe at home in Surrey yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Forty years of irreverent humour

Stars of the entertainment world gathered in the West End of London last night to pay tribute to 40 years of inspired lunacy (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

Sir Harry Secombe, erstwhile Goon and presenter of the BBC television's religious

programme, Highway, was honoured by the Variety Club of Great Britain at a banquet interspersed with music and appropriately irreverent humour from Jimmy Tarbuck and other admirers.

The comedian, aged 65, returned the compliment with

a number of anecdotes from his career, which began with a series of sketches at the Windmill Theatre for which he was paid £20 a week.

Among his memories was singing "Bless this House" to a captive audience, at Pentonville Prison.

Professor's drive to bring youth into engineering

By Tim Jones

A conviction that Britain could be doomed to become an industrial joke stranded on the edge of Europe has led to the organization of the biggest science and technology show to be mounted in the country.

To be held at Brands Hatch in the summer of 1988, the show will not be just another opportunity for companies to sell their wares.

Specifically, it will show off the technological achievements of British companies and demonstrate their research and development programmes.

The extravaganza has one main aim and that is to encourage more young people to enter the field of science and engineering.

The British Science and Technology Show 1988 has been planned from a small office in Acton, west London, by Professor Paul D. Cook, who is determined to arrest what he sees as the decline of Britain as a serious competitive force in tomorrow's world.

In a way that horrifies some of his academic Oxbridge contemporaries, Professor Cook is so concerned about the problem that he has unashamedly courted the support of show business personalities to ram home his message.

It is a paradox, for Professor Cook believes that television soap and drama are largely to blame for the poor esteem in which the young consider engineering and science as a career.

"Shows like Dallas show a glamorous world in which money is apparently made with no real effort and parents can see other programmes in which fortunes are apparently made by people just moving bits of paper around and they think that would be rather a good thing for little Johnny to become involved with.

"Unfortunately for them, the truth is that unless more young people are attracted into science and engineering Britain will become an industrial antique."

Only British companies, or those with a British research base, will be allowed to exhibit at the show.

Free space will be provided for the universities and schools, where some of the newest ideas will be seen at their inception and at a level which creates interest for everyone.

Proceeds from the shows will be used to assist science and engineering education at all levels, ranging from the elementary stage at schools, through to research level at university.

Prisoners' pact being ignored

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

A pact between states to transfer prisoners is failing to bring back Britons to complete their sentences in this country.

Since the agreement came into effect in August last year, only two prisoners have returned, both from Sweden, the Home Office says.

But 10 prisoners have gone from this country, nine of them to the US and one to Canada.

The National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad has complained to the Directorate of Legal Affairs at the Council of Europe.

France, along with Spain, Sweden, the US and Britain were the first to agree to operate the transfer system. Canada, Austria and Cyprus have followed.

In October there were more than 550 British prisoners in countries who operate the agreement. The Government says that 30 of these have expressed an interest in being transferred back to Britain, but so far only 13 formal requests have been received. Bureaucracy is said to be deterring applications and holding up those that have been made.

One British prisoner in France is a paraplegic who was jailed for five years last year for cocaine smuggling. He was also fined £264,000, which was later reduced to £20,000. The prisoner cannot apply to transfer because he cannot pay the fine.

A third prisoner, in Spain, has been trying for a year to obtain transfer. The council says: "The problem would appear to be in persuading the Spanish authorities to treat the agreement seriously."

Council's youth and music day

Mrs Terence Mallinson, Lord Mayor of Westminster, has invited 2,000 musicians from top marching bands to play in the first public parade to be held in the city on New Year's Day.

Marching bands from the US, decorated floats and colourful exhibits depicting London's world-wide business and cultural interests will mark the first annual celebration of youth and music.

Organized by Youth Music for the World, the parade will be mounted in support of Westminster City Council's contribution to the arts.

From noon on January 1 the two-mile route stretching from Piccadilly to Oxford Street will be the scene of an international celebration of "youthful exuberance, friendship and above all music", according to the organizers of the parade.

Fire destroys school roof

One of Britain's oldest private schools, the seventeenth century Royal Alexandra and Albert school at Reigate, Surrey, was severely damaged by fire at the weekend.

Two members of staff and a fireman were treated in hospital after breathing smoke fumes. The fire destroyed the roof of the building.

Council to ban foxhunting

Foxhunting on county council-owned land in Nottinghamshire is scheduled to be banned from tomorrow.

Councillors will be asked to approve a "charter for animal rights", put forward by the ruling Labour group seeking a ban on foxhunting.

Pensioners learn to beat criminals

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Action is being taken by the police, Age Concern and other agencies to calm the fears of old people about doorstep con men and other criminals. In many parts there is a campaign to educate pensioners on how to protect themselves.

Today a week-long drive is to be started by Age Concern in Coventry to persuade pensioners to put their money in a bank or building society rather than keep it at home in some imagined secret hiding place easily found by criminals.

In Coventry, Age Concern knows of cases this year when con men have posed as council and other officials. The charity knows of one case in which a con man told two elderly ladies he wanted to warn them about burglars and bluffed his way into their home. Age Concern itself has been falsely impersonated.

The Midlands Electricity Board is mounting a separate campaign to warn its customers of the dangers of letting strangers into their homes under the slogan "If in doubt keep them out".

The board wants all customers to check staff identity cards and if necessary leave the workmen standing on the doorstep while double checking with the local offices. The board has a secret password system for blind customers.

The board says that old people without a bank account sometimes have hundreds and even thousands of pounds in the house.

In Tamton, police have a card to be handed to callers asking them to produce identification.

In Norfolk the number of people pestered into parting with belongings is reported to have risen. Age Concern has a scheme to provide door chains and safety locks for people in the county.

Twenty eight thousand post-card-sized notices, similar to the Tamton cards, have been printed for distribution in Thames Valley by Age Concern.

In Northumberland a joint campaign has been launched by Age Concern and the police after reports of cases of elderly people paying more than £100 to bogus workmen who take money without doing the job.

Warning leaflets in Westminster have been given to nearly 5,000 pensioners, advising them to use door viewers and chains.

There are plans by a community group to launch a scheme in Acton, west London, so that for £25 old people can have locks fitted against burglars.

Dr Rob Mawby, principal lecturer in social policy at Plymouth Polytechnic, told The Times that the 1984 British Crime Survey showed that elderly people were most affected by crime although it might be of the less serious kind.

Nationally, Age Concern is recommending that a joint conference be held with police on "Elderly people and the fear of crime".

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WORLD SUMMARY

New Democracy unity campaign

Athens - Today's celebrations here for the anniversary of the polytechnic uprising against the military dictatorship...

The campaign was welcomed by the Greek Communist Party...

Delhi bars Pakistanis

Karachi - Amid reports of a massive deployment of Indian troops for manoeuvres near Pakistan's borders...

Briton sought

Harare - Zimbabwe police are seeking the extradition of a Briton, Mr Edwin Bertram...

Mr Bertram, aged 69, is thought to have gone to Britain in March after a German, Herr Rudi Hartwich...

Sanctions-busters bust

Johannesburg (AFP) - An advertisement placed by error in a newspaper here this week has exposed some of the sanctions-busting operations...

Arabs on trial

West Berlin - Two Jordanians, one of them the brother of the convicted terrorist Nasser Haidari...

OAS avoids decisions on region's problems

The Organization of American States (OAS) wound up its annual meeting here having failed to propose realistic solutions to the region's main problems...

Kremlin wrath descends on prostitutes

After decades of hollow-sounding denials, the Soviet authorities have now officially admitted the existence of prostitution in the Soviet Union...

Reagan tells Thatcher Soviet-US deal would not affect UK deterrent

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mrs Thatcher was given a clear assurance by President Reagan at Camp David on Saturday that Britain's independent nuclear deterrent would not be affected by any US-Soviet arms reduction agreement...

The assurance is a boost to Mrs Thatcher's argument that Britain should go ahead with the purchase of the Trident to replace Britain's ageing Polaris missiles...

Iranian arms affair

Storm breaks over Craxi

US change detected by Tehran

American policy towards Iran has changed "drastically for the better", Tehran's envoy to the United Nations said yesterday...

Khashoggi deal report dismissed

Iranian dissident sources dismissed a report yesterday that Mr Adnan Khashoggi was involved in the US arms-for-hostages deal...

Arabia on trial

West Berlin - Two Jordanians, one of them the brother of the convicted terrorist Nasser Haidari, will appear today in a heavily-guarded court in West Berlin...



A publicity ban near polling stations had little effect in the Brazilian elections...

Brazilian polls put Sarney ahead

From Mac Margolis Rio de Janeiro

Early returns in nationwide weekend elections point to a comfortable victory for the left-of-centre candidates in the governing coalition of Brazilian President José Sarney...

The Liberal Front Party (PFL), the junior partner in the Alliance, suffered setbacks in key challenges for governorships...

Israeli jets raid PLO bases after stabbing

From Juan Carlos Gummico, Beirut

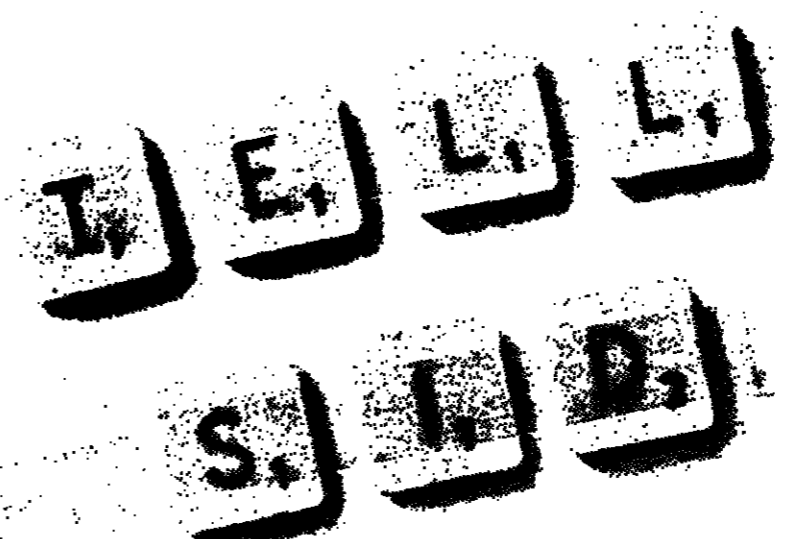
The Israeli Air Force yesterday bombed three Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon in apparent retaliation for the murder of a Jewish Bible student in Jerusalem...

Iranian arms affair

Any use made since of Iranian ports for this traffic - both Alamosa and Ancona have been mentioned in this respect - would have been done presumably without the Government's knowledge...

A large advertisement for 'A TIMES EXCLUSIVE 1982 VINTAGE CLARET OFFER' by The Victoria Wine Company. It features a bottle of wine and text describing a twelve-bottle case of Chateau Les Drouillards for £39.50 per case. The ad includes contact information for the company and a coupon for ordering.

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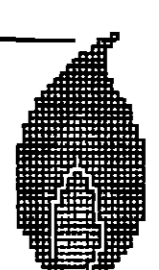
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Step nearer to ending Sri Lanka dispute as Tamils join talks

From Our South Asia Correspondent, Bangalore

India and Sri Lanka yesterday moved closer to a settlement of the ethnic crisis caused by the Tamil separatist insurgency in the island republic. After an airport meeting when Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, welcomed President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka to the summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Sarec), an effort to persuade the Sri Lankans to yield more in their proposals to the Tamil population went into high gear as militant Tamil organizations based in India finally decided to join negotiations.

Herzog's Asia trip angers Muslims

An official visit by President Chaim Herzog of Israel to Singapore this week has aroused anger and resentment among the Muslim countries of the region. Israeli presence in South-East Asia, low-key though it is, has long troubled Muslim nations. In the past two decades Israel has quietly established diplomatic missions in Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

Babies wed to end family feud

An 11-month-old boy was married to a three-month-old girl in northern Bangladesh to end a 20-year feud between two families over a disputed farm, the government-controlled daily *Dainik Bangla* reported yesterday. The village headman decided to tie the two feuding families in marital bonds after he failed to end the dispute.



Rescue workers searching for survivors under the ruins of the three-story Hsa Yang market, in a Taipei suburb, which collapsed after Saturday's two earthquakes in Taiwan. Some of the 90 people who lived in makeshift dormitories over the market were trapped in the rubble (Reuters reports from Taipei). Taipei police said 10 bodies, most of them of children and old people, had been recovered from the market. They added that most people were accounted for, but feared that more bodies could still be found under the ruins.

India's seedbed of revolution Caste war fuels the class struggle

Bihar has become a byword for corruption and violence. In the first of two articles, Michael Hamlyn reports from Patna on a caste war which is generating revolutionary unrest. In villages on the densely populated alluvial plain of the holy River Ganges in Bihar, an armed insurrection is being carried on by groups of Maoist Communist rebels.

These landlords are caste-based. The Rajputs, for example, call theirs the *Kaar Sena*, after King Sena, a Rajput hero of the 18th Century. The Kurmi call theirs the *Bhooni Sena*, the Land Army. The police have not been notably effective in combating either of the parties to the conflict. They are in any case widely regarded as a tool of the upper castes in the oppression of the lower.



The rebels are known by the general term Naxalites, after another armed left-wing uprising which began 18 years ago in Naxalbari, a village in neighbouring West Bengal. They are also called the *Lat Sena* or Red Army.

The troubled state of Bihar Part 1

With such social tensions among the poor farmers scratching for a living in Bihar's soil, slights, real or imagined, competition for land ownership, and even sexual harassment can rapidly turn violent. All that the Naxalites have to do is to channel that violence. To defend themselves against what one observer described this "natural wild urge", the upper castes have formed their own armies, small bands of lightly-armed professionals with sophisticated weapons which can combine with the landlords' own

union at 7 1/2 policemen for every 10,000 inhabitants of the state. Most major states have several policemen for every 10,000 people.

The Chief Minister seems to be a touch complacent about the law-and-order situation in his state. "By and large," he said in the panelled calm of his office here, "the situation in Bihar is satisfactory from the point of view of law and order. There is much talk about the disturbances, but in fact that is not so. Bihar is peaceful, except in a few pockets." However, Mr Dabey is conscious that something needs to be done to control those "few pockets". "So far as the Government is concerned," he said, "we have decided to curb the violent activities perpetrated by any section of society, and for that we have strengthened the law-and-order machinery. We have also gone for speedy development and land reform."

Aquino aid deal put at risk by kidnap

From Keith Dalton Manila

President Corason Aquino's Government, bracing itself for a general strike in protest at the murder of the Philippines' leading trade unionist, Mr Rolando Olalia, yesterday faced a new crisis with the kidnapping of a Japanese businessman. Mr Nobuyuki Wakaoy, aged 53, general manager of the Mitsui company's Manila office, was seized on Saturday afternoon by five heavily-armed men who stopped his car as he was returning to Manila from a sports club 30 miles south of the city. No one has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, and no ransom demand has been received for the safe return of Mr Wakaoy, whose abduction two days after Mrs Aquino returned from Tokyo could jeopardize new Japanese aid and investment commitments she received. Mr Olalia's badly mutilated body was found on the day Mrs Aquino arrived back in the Philippines from her four-day visit to Japan, raising speculation of a concerted attempt to destabilize the Aquino Government.



Mr Wakaoy, seized by five armed men near Manila.

ENTERTAINMENTS

A detailed entertainment directory listing various theatre productions, art galleries, and cinemas across London and other regions. It includes titles like 'The Business of Murder', 'Killing Jessica', 'The Mousetrap', and 'The Hit Musical Comedy'. Each listing provides showtimes and contact information.

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THE ARTS

Biggest battle of the literary season

Britain gets politely excited about the Booker Prize, but in Paris even the police are likely to be turning out, to stop the literati throwing pâtisserie, for today's announcement of the Goncourt winner



How it all started: Edmond de Goncourt (left) with his brother Jules, in whose memory he founded the prize in his own will

Of literary prizes there appear to be no end. But, while in Britain many are suffering from a surfeit of Booker and Whitbread, the literary digestion of the French, whose novel L'Amant reaches a climax in Paris today, is still in the Café de Flore today, the resulting sales can earn the winning author, not to mention his publisher, a great deal of money.

Sales of recent Goncourt winners average 300,000, not including book clubs. The 1984 winner, Marguerite Duras's L'Amant, is reckoned to have sold 800,000, although the record is still held by André Malraux's novel La Condition humaine, which won the prize in 1933 and has sold over two million copies.

So far to have found a British publisher (Century Hutchinson). If French literary circles are less celebrated than in the Fifties and Sixties, coteries are nevertheless more evident in Paris than in London. Writers and publishers still dine at the Brasserie Lipp, or meet at La Coupole or in the rarefied air of the Bar du Pont Royal, and also often work as editors or assessors in the major publishing houses. In the matter of prizes it has long been the case with three companies, Gallimard, Grasset and Le Seuil, and many are convinced that they have an unfair advantage since the jury, who are mostly published by these houses, must surely favour their fellow authors.

The Goncourt is the pinnacle of the prize season. Earlier this month the Grand Prix de Roman was awarded to Pierre-Jean Rémy; the Prix Renaudot, created to "correct the errors of the Goncourt", is also announced today; a week later come the Femina and the two Médicis (for one of which Julian Barnes's Flaubert's Parrot is on the short list); and, lastly, there is the Interallié on December 2. But, while Booker and Whitbread offer their ultimate prize-winners £15,000 and £17,500 respectively, the venerable jury of the Prix Goncourt, whose 10 members include Edmond Charles-Roux, Robert Sabatier, Michel Tournier and François Nourissier under their chairman, Hervé Bazin, hand over a cheque for a paltry 50 francs.

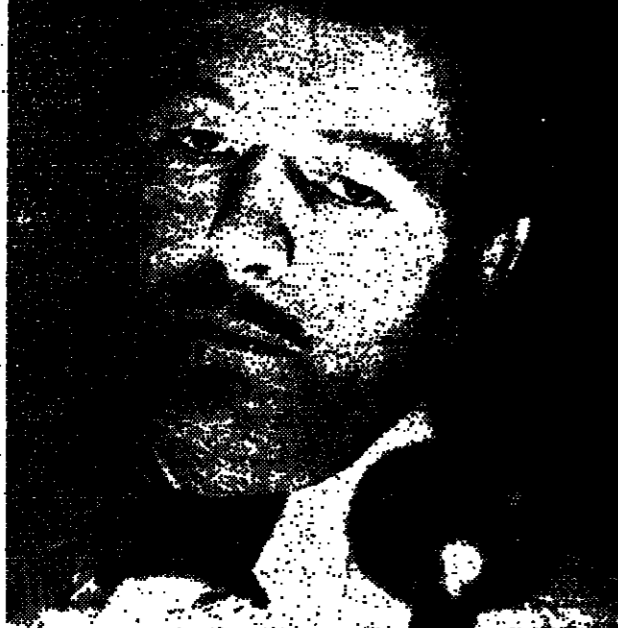
On this year's short list for the Goncourt are Les Frères Moraves by Henri Coulanges (Stock); Le Salon du Wurtemberg by Pascal Quignard (Gallimard); Valet de nuit by Michel Host (Grasset); La Bataille de Wagram by Gilles Lapouge (Flammarion); and La Vie Ripolin by Jean Vautrin (Mazarine). During the past fortnight in Paris the excitement and the gossip have been steadily mounting. All but one of the five short-listed titles were selected from the 194 novels published in September and October. The exception is La Bataille de Wagram, published before the summer, and, interestingly, the only one

Robert Sabatier comments: "It is a tendency which I deplore, but it has to be said that these houses are more attached to good literature although in my opinion it is the book not the publisher which matters." Françoise Verny, of Flammarion, and formerly of Grasset and Gallimard, and one of France's most respected editors, believes that La Bande de trois do publish some of the best novels, but that does not mean that the Goncourt is fixed in any way. "There is never a prize without some people being convinced that there has been a mappouille [fix]," Sabatier and Michel Tournier, both respected for their impartial and often unpredictable judgements, think that some jury members have different concepts of the prize. Some feel it should go to a novel likely to attract a large

readership; for others it must be an original and "literary" work. If the former view prevails today, the winner should be La Bataille de Wagram; if the latter, the likely choices would be Valet de nuit or Le Salon du Wurtemberg. The jury are rarely in complete accord but, if they cannot agree, no black smoke will appear from the chimney of Chez Drouant; M Bazin will simply apply his casting vote.

Whoever it is, the Place Gaillon will certainly be filled to bursting with Le tout Paris littéraire, television cameras and the police, to dissuade anyone from throwing pâtisserie or ketchup as they have in the past. For the bookshops (many of which are owned by the crafty publishers), the prizes mean a constant demand for the winners until Christmas. "Prizes are like the bells which call the faithful to Mass", said a past Goncourt president, Roland d'Orgeles, and, in this contentious business of giving prizes to writers, the French obey the authorities, be they Goncourt, Renaudot, Femina, Médicis...

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Arch manipulator in promising form

On Saturday Pat Phoenix sang her posthumous swansong as the bedridden Nellie in Unnatural Causes (Central); and last night Dennis Potter introduced his bedridden alter ego Philip Marlow in The Singing Detective (BBC1).

TELEVISION

In terms of musical taste, Philip had the edge over Nellie: he did not, for instance, sit up against the pillows in garish flounces and sing "You'll Never Walk Alone" (an event which will surely have been seen off mountains of Kleenex). Stretched out in the Sherpa Tensing Ward with his body spattered with what looked like royal icing, Michael Gambon supplied the single most arresting image of the autumn's viewing, and, with his beleaguered acerbity, some of the finest dialogues. "Think of something very boring," he urged himself as Jeanne Whalley's plastic-gloved hands produced a clinically redundant effect on his person. "Think of a speech by Ted Heath, a sentence by Bernard Levin, The Guardian Women's Page."

Martin Cropper

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explicit in "C'mon every beatbox", "A party" and the encore of Prince's "1999", and implicit throughout in the hip-hop rhythms, beatbox sounds and increasingly apparent reflexes of a traditional dance-floor rock group.

CONCERTS

CBSO/Kamu Festival Hall

To read an obituary of Vyacheslav Molotov on Wednesday, then hear a vivid performance of Shostakovich's Symphony No 13 on Friday, is to have one's mind sharply focused on certain grey areas in Soviet history.

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crude, blowsy performance, with piano-playing of rumbustious clumsiness. Having got the Strauss off their chests, Maysky and Gililov turned to Beethoven. Maysky draws the crowds for two good reasons: he takes enormous risks in his playing, and that is always good entertainment value; and his absorbed, contemplative voicing of the cello gives him an expressive range to play with very nearly the equal of the human voice itself.

GERSHWIN TRIBUTE

Swingin' on Tenth Avenue Festival Hall

With the fiftieth anniversary of George Gershwin's death looming, we can presumably expect many more foggy tributes in London Town like this. S'Wonderful! it weren't, at least until the evening's star, Georgie Fame, got into his stride.

THEATRE

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Piccadilly

chorus-line which turns out to be prolonging itself with the help of false legs. An immensely tall dancer gradually dwindles behind a banner until his head finally vanishes at ground level. And meanwhile, in Larry Gelbart's production, the song is still building.

OPERA

La traviata Covent Garden

It would take a miracle — or a change of conductor — to save this Traviata. But, with just one more performance to go, a glimmer of salvation has arrived in Heana Cotrubas, who replaces the ill and ill-cast Lucia Aliberti. Some of the vocal lustre may have worn a little thin, but the unmistakable glow of engagement in the character is all there.

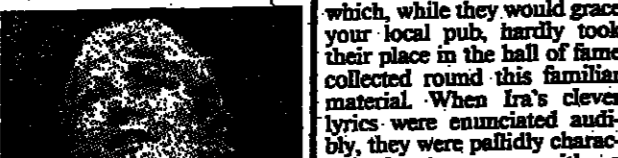
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Lone survivor of the 1963 production and veteran MC of the Up Pompeii series, Frankie Howerd comes on with the well-justified air of knowing all there is to be known about nookery in 200 BC. At first sight, features now resembling a half-malted waxen effigy of Edith Sitwell, he may not be everybody's idea of a genial host; nor does he exert himself. He has no need to. He is at home; and the least twitch of those pursed lips, or suggestion of an outraged glare, goes straight to the target.

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It would take a miracle — or a change of conductor — to save this Traviata. But, with just one more performance to go, a glimmer of salvation has arrived in Heana Cotrubas, who replaces the ill and ill-cast Lucia Aliberti. Some of the vocal lustre may have worn a little thin, but the unmistakable glow of engagement in the character is all there.

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SPECTRUM

The green door to peace of mind

With the threat of an epidemic now clearly spelt out, Aids testing is increasingly popular. The Times finds out exactly what the test involves for an individual and assesses its impact on a hard-pressed health service

'In the past year, how many women have you slept with?'

I stood with about a dozen others in the queue at the receptionist's desk. She gave me a number; I sat down in a somewhat grubby waiting room. I am not a promiscuous heterosexual; nor am I in any of the other high-risk categories. But I do not live the life of a monk and recent publicity has made it clear that casual sex is a bit like Russian roulette - in sleeping with one partner, you are effectively sleeping with all of that person's previous partners.

She said it took about three months for a normal person to develop antibodies, so if I was worried about a recent sexual liaison, I should have the test again in three months. She said the information in my file would be protected by law, and I was not obliged to tell anyone if the test proved positive. But she advised me to tell my doctor and dentist.

Then she asked me a question which sounded odd. "What will you do if the test is antibody negative?"

She explained: "We are a little anxious that people will treat a favourable result as a licence to be irresponsible. It is not up to us to tell you how to live your life, but we must stress that casual unprotected sex is now a high-risk activity."

As for one of the main objections to using condoms - the lack of physical sensitivity - she said this arose because people are not used to them. A condom, she said, is the safest guarantee available of avoiding Aids. "Most men still tend to see contraception as a woman's problem. Those attitudes are going to have to change very quickly."

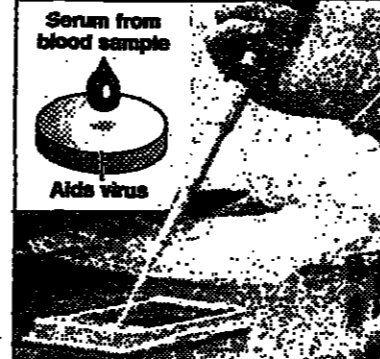
The session had lasted about thirty minutes and throughout the counselling had been friendly and obviously designed to make me think through the possible consequences of my lifestyle, whatever the outcome of the test.

Down the corridor, in a curtained booth, a male nurse first took two blood samples. Then he took two swabs, one from the throat and one from the genitals. It took just three minutes and, two hours after first joined the queue, I was on my way home.

But it is not quite over. The result - which they won't give you over the phone or by letter - will be ready in three weeks. I'm not worried about the outcome, but the counselling has certainly concentrated my mind on the dangers of unprotected casual sex.

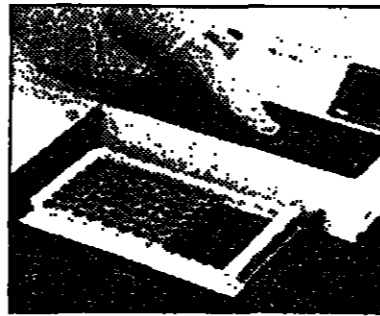
Michael Dynes

1 Current screening tests do not diagnose Aids itself. When a person is infected, the body's defence system produces antibodies to try to neutralize the virus; it is the presence of these antibodies that is detected by the test. A positive test is assumed to indicate continuing infection, but the test cannot tell whether a person will develop Aids or other HIV-related symptoms in the future. The most widely used test is known as an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, or ELISA. It begins by taking a few millilitres of blood. The clear serum - the basic fluid of the blood, less its red corpuscles - is separated from the blood sample in a centrifuge.



2 The next step is to add the serum to particles of Aids virus. Testing individual samples of serum would be very expensive, so kits are used to process batches of specimens for a cost of about £15 each. Aids virus particles are attached to the 96 wells of a plastic tray measuring about 5 inches by 3. Droplets of serum from the blood samples of 96 people are added. If the blood has been previously infected with the virus, the serum will contain antibodies that will now bind themselves to the virus particles. This is followed by the addition of a droplet of HIV antibody prepared in the laboratory. The behaviour of the virus particles towards the two types of antibody - of human and laboratory origin - will determine the outcome of the test.

3 The tray is incubated at a temperature of 45 deg C for one hour: during this time one of the two antibodies binds itself to the virus particles. The specimens are then washed, removing the antibody that has not attached itself to the particles.



4 The identity of the remaining antibody is revealed by colour analysis. A blue colouring element is added to the samples, which are then left for 20 minutes to react together. The tray is inserted into a spectrophotometer, an electronic instrument which analyses the specimens for changes of colour. If the laboratory-prepared antibody is attached to the virus particles, the colour changes to orange, giving a negative result. If no colour change occurs, the human antibody has attached itself to the virus particles and the test is positive.

5 A patient whose blood has been positively tested by this first ELISA screening process is called back for a second blood sample to be taken. This is sent to a special testing centre where a further series of more sophisticated tests are made. Detailed biochemical analysis, lasting several days, identifies the molecules of the Aids virus or its antibody.

'It can take a lot of courage to come to us'

Almost every day, someone in Britain dies from Aids. Every day a new case is diagnosed. Between those two tragedies, a daily laboratory routine produces answers affecting the lives of hundreds of others. The blood test to search for traces of Aids is a crucial first step in the medical pursuit and control of the disease.

But it is also one of the most emotionally traumatic procedures that many healthy people are likely to face. A positive result does not mean that the patient has Aids, or even that he or she is certain to develop the condition. But it does mean that there is a significant risk - probably over 30 per cent - of premature fatal illness. It probably also means being infected - and infectious - for life.

For those given such news, the information is shattering. It affects not just the carrier, but his or her family, and sexual contacts. It is because of this devastating impact that expert counselling, involving tact, compassion and persuasiveness, has become essential in all cases.

Recent publicity, emphasising that Aids can be transmitted heterosexually as well as homosexually and through contaminated blood, has tripled the number of men and women now seeking the test. The new Government public health campaign on the disease will prompt many more anxious people to come forward. However, the British Medical Association and many specialists now warn that clinics will soon be unable to cope with the demand unless the DHSS provides more resources.

'We are being stretched beyond our resources, a crisis is close'

Those who attend clinics receive lengthy counselling on the implications of the result before a sample of blood is taken. But as more people come forward, doctors have less time for counselling: in one London clinic the time has been cut from 45 to 15 minutes.

Certain individuals decide against being screened because a positive result could lead to years of anxiety without any symptoms of Aids developing. "It can take a lot of courage to come to us. The days of waiting for the result are some of the longest and most anxious of their lives," Dr McManus says.

Most of the test results are negative.

About 30 to 40 per cent of homosexual men in London have been found to have antibodies to the Aids virus in their blood. Among drug abusers who risk contamination from shared and dirty needles and the general heterosexual population now coming forward, only one or two in every hundred are infected.

For them, life will never be the same again. Gary Webb, one of the most experienced of the counsellors at the Alexandra unit, says: "A positive result means that the person will have to be monitored for the rest of his or her days, coming back to see us every three or six months for a medical examination. Most of them are unlikely, on the available evidence, to develop Aids. But it's tremendously important to see cases as regularly as possible so that the first signs of illness are quickly detected."

Specialists advise antibody-positive men and women to make the most of life, while urging them to act responsibly. "We can never be dishonest or misleading. We have to tell people all the facts as we know them," Gary Webb says.

"But without raising false hopes, we can help Aids carriers and their loved ones to cope. We are a shoulder to cry on, a hand to hold, someone to talk to. If and when they develop symptoms, we will be there."

Thomson Prentice

Curlew where are you?

There are more mysteries surrounding the stone curlew than its obsessive secrecy and the fact that it is not really a curlew at all. These aspects make it fascinating; more worrying in the fact that it has disappeared altogether from some haunts and there are fewer than 200 pairs nesting in its ancestral upland strongholds compared with 2,000 before World War Two.

Obsessively secretive, a creature of dusk and darkness, it is not a curlew at all and goes by a dozen local aliases including, 'soapy', 'the all-eyes', 'so perfect is its camouflage of sandy brown plumage streaked with dark brown that only the large, rather haleful, bright yellow eyes may betray it in hiding.'

Though seldom seen it is not a small bird, being about the size of a partridge and long-legged. In happier times for *Burhinus oedicnemus*, T. A. Coward wrote in his *Birds of the British Isles* (1970): "From the egg onward the life of the stone curlew is spent in hiding itself from view. The crouching habit - that of lying still and trusting to colour and form to provide invisibility - is assumed as soon as the chick is hatched."

Which worked very well until intensive methods of agriculture invaded the heathland with machine indifference to the most ingenious disguise. Now, after reviewing a largely failed breeding season in which lack of rain played a part, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is seeking the assistance of farmers in arresting the decline of the stone curlew, which today

Mary Evans Library



The secret curlew survives mainly in East Anglia, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Dorset.

A leaflet campaign emphasizes essentials for the species' existence, including access to open ground in the spring, safety for its eggs which are laid in a shallow scrape, and for the chicks which are at risk from practices like rolling, hoeing and spraying.

The RSPB says: "With the help of farmers and landowners it may be possible to retain this bird in our countryside." Their appeal is directed at a body not known for a feverish enthusiasm towards conservation. But Chris Durbin, assistant regional officer for the society in East Anglia, has been delighted with the response.

"Without exception, people have been helpful - not only farmers themselves but also the clubs on the tractor," he said. "They have been prepared to make small-scale changes in harvesting, for example, that will help the birds. Some did not know that stone curlews lived on their land and are intrigued."

Because the birds are active by night when their strange haunting call is most often heard, he and colleagues have been tracking movements by attaching radio transmitters to the feathers of breeding pairs.

If the stone curlew dies pass from the list of Britain's breeding birds there will be regret for an irish reclus (It shares the company of other birds) which, in the end, was not permitted to mind its own business.

John Hill

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS advertisement with text: 'If you think investing in stocks and shares is out of your league, think again - about Midland Bank Unit Trusts' Regular Savings Plan.' Includes Midland logo and a rabbit illustration.

Animating Armageddon advertisement featuring Jim Blaggs and creator Raymond Briggs. Includes text: 'The best-selling cautionary fable, When the Wind Blows, is now a chilling cartoon' and photos of the subjects.

CONCISE CROSSWORD No 1108 with crossword grid and clues. Clues include: 'Dowdhill ski race (6)', 'Thick card (4)', 'Shooting area (5)', 'US guards van (7)', 'Obsessively suspicious (8)', 'Carpenter's grip (4)', 'Distasteful (9)', 'Ladies' fingers (4)', 'Water organisms (8)', 'Jubilation (7)', 'Striking costume (3,2)', 'Disturb (4)', 'Ribbon pasta (6)', 'Solitary type (5)', 'Tall mirth (3)', 'Cunning opportunist (1,3)', 'Dress (4)', 'Talented child (7)', 'Wrinkled fabric (5)', 'Large jug (4)', 'Lacustrine (4)', 'Stage set (4)', 'Vertical (7)', 'Rock growth (4)', 'Shoot from hiding place (5)', 'Complete (5)', 'Fly upwards (4)', 'Sticky substance (3)'. Includes a small drawing of a rabbit.



MONDAY PAGE

The lady's not for pressing

This week, a television documentary will open the doors to Margaret Thatcher's wardrobe. Josephine Fairley spoke to the programme's compiler, Angela Huth

Margaret Thatcher had a confession to make to writer and broadcaster Angela Huth. "People don't feel they can compliment the Prime Minister very often," she said, wistfully. "But when they do, it's very, very nice."



'Denis does like a bit of glitter' 'We've been putting in shoulder pads' 'People remember if you are in pink' much attention to her own clothes as to the flowerbeds which surround the bookish Oxford home she shares with her husband James Howard-Johnstone and five-year-old Eugenie.

Turning terror to child's play

Only 25 years ago, parents were barred from visiting their children in hospital outside set hours. All that has changed, and soon another major development could take the mystery, and the fear, out of hi-tech treatments, like the one often dreaded by adults and children alike - the X-ray.

As a declining birthrate means fewer men for its armed forces, Denmark turns to women to fill the frontline ranks

Reveille with Beverly?

At first sight there was nothing to distinguish the squad of soldiers taking up defensive positions on a corner in the sleepy West German village of Ebhausen from the other 21,000 troops taking part in the four-nation military exercise. Two of them were sprawled across their armoured personnel carrier, a third was spreadeagled behind a machine gun in the road and the fourth, barely visible in the shadows, was shouldering an anti-tank weapon and listening to the approaching rumble of a possible target.

'Getting children's anxiety out into the open'

Newcastle-upon-Tyne is trying to provide. "Seventy per cent of children with cancer survive now," said Dr Alan Craft, paediatric oncologist. "But it is no good just treating the cancer. We need to help the whole person and their family, so that their lives can be made as normal as possible."

The travelling late business

"Business traveller" is a contradiction in terms, since it is ridiculous to suppose that you can reliably make an appointment in one country while you are still in another, due to delays caused by fog, leaves on the line and Captain Arbutnot apologising for the late take-off which is due to circumstances beyond his control.

TALKBACK

From Jim Platts, Willingham, Cambridge. Penny Perrick suggests (Monday Page, November 10) that had housekeepers should try to excel at something - successful writer, brain surgeon or politician to counter their feelings of inadequacy.

REMEMBER THE WORDS? WE'LL MEET AGAIN

Advertisement for Dry Fly sherry featuring musical notation and a bottle of sherry. Text: 'Then you'll appreciate Dry Fly, the best sherry in fifty years.'

Advertisement for 'Loneliness is just one problem' featuring a woman's silhouette and text: 'And it is a fairly common problem for teenagers away from home for months at a time. But it is only one of the troubles that people bring to us.'

Advertisement for Penny Perrick featuring a portrait of her and text: 'I was the only woman on the plane and it struck me that if I were seriously man-hunting, it would be a very good idea to put in some time in airport departure lounges.'

Advertisement for 'wite' featuring text: 'From Gav Murphy, Chairman, Diplomatic Service Wives Association, London SW1. My apologies to all those who felt sore at the thought that diplomats' wives are more loyal than others.'

THE TIMES DIARY

Putting on side

Fresh from his tussle with a photographer at Heathrow, Sir Robert Armstrong, the cabinet secretary, plans to play cat and mouse with the Australian press...

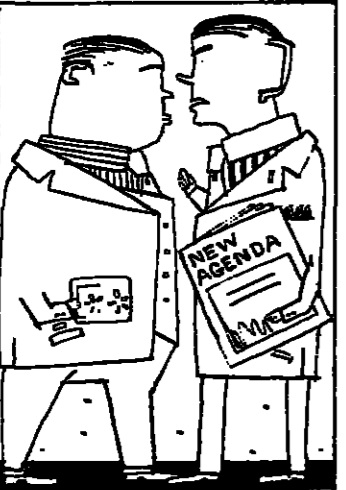
Apron string

With the prospect of urgent work ahead in Knowsley, the Labour Party has begun the process of electing its new National Constitutional Committee...

Miss TNT?

Apres Miss World, a picture of Northern Ireland beauties clad in bikinis and halcyons is conjured up by a back-page ad in Ulster Defiant...

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm all for firm leadership but giving us the push is a bit much'

Joking apart

Sheikh Zayed, president of the United Arab Emirates, does not have the same sense of humour as his close friend General Zia Ul-Haq of Pakistan...

Rope tricks

Michael Croft, the founder and director of the National Youth Theatre, who died on Friday, always had a soft spot for former Labour prime minister James Callaghan...

In the lead up to the negotiations with the local authority employers which started at Nottingham it was abundantly clear that the whole question of teachers' pay and conditions of service had reached a watershed...

These were the need to widen differentials and to create a structure which encouraged promotions and willingness to undertake responsibility...

I have reason to believe that when Shakespeare referred to "The insolence of office, and the spurns that patient merit from the unworthy takes" what he had in mind was local government bureaucracy...

When they moved into their house in the 1950s, they planted a weeping willow in the front garden. The wife has, over the years, become an expert gardener...

The annual chorus of disapproval of official support for the arts has swelled to a particularly strident climax this year as the Arts Council faces a threat of the first cash cut in its 40-year history...

An offer that would only harm education

package as a benchmark and seek to improve on it in salary terms as well as producing a solid middle-management structure...

Bernard Levin

Well Lady Porter, what will you do?



Paula Younes

hear anyone ring the bell; he said he had inspected the tree from outside the house; later, she got a letter from another council official which gave her no advice...

1986 (now 17 months from kick-off), she finally got a letter which gave no indication that the writer knew anything of what had gone before...

have one half of all deputy heads earning less than £16,000 compared with the top of the same main grade, which is just over £15,000...

David Hart is general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers.

both the pavement outside their house, and the roadway, for as long as it takes to do the work. Furthermore, although my friends' insurance seems to cover the cost of the work...

Henry Stanhope

Wanted: a new Enry Iggins. Immigrants to this country who complain that they cannot speak English should be reminded that most of those who have lived here since the Norman Conquest...

Real cuts in store for the arts

negotiated with local authorities in the past year. "Government suggestions that the local authorities make up the shortfall ring rather hollowly in Tyne and Wear, where three of the five authorities are already rate-capped...

A tale of two teachers

On Friday, while the local education authority employers and the leaders of the teachers' unions were staggering through the last hours of their negotiating marathon...

Anne Sofer on winners and losers

But the picture is not that simple. The first teacher is undoubtedly bound to be appointed a deputy or a head before long. As such she would do marginally better under the employers' proposals...

Anne Sofer is a member of the SDP national committee.

Wanted: a new Enry Iggins

Now it's the working man who goes abroad - and not just to Enderbury - while the square-jawed shiver in Suffolk. Pork pies are in, paella is out...

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FT 30 Share	1293.2 (-24.0)
FT-SE 100	1644.3 (-18.3)
Bargains	25788 (34411)
USM (Datastream)	130.88 (+2.0)
THE POUND (Change on week)	
US Dollar	1.4295 (+0.0020)
W German mark	2.8647 (-0.0802)
Trade-weighted	68.3 (-1.1)

New-look figures leave the old fog

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent
The City is awaiting the money supply figures, due out on Thursday...

When the money supply data was produced on a banking month basis, the Bank adjusted the PSBR to produce seasonally adjusted sterling M3 figures...

But the Treasury is unhappy about supplying seasonally adjusted calendar month figures for the PSBR...

City expectations on the October statistics due tomorrow range from a PSBR of £800 million...

The abrupt fall of Mr Ivan Boesky, fined \$100 million in an unprecedented insider trading case...

MPs to quiz Chancellor

The House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee is expected to question the finance minister...

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TOMORROW - Interims: Abbeycrest, C M L Microsystems, B Elliott, London International Corporation...

WEDNESDAY - Interims: Avana Group, Black Arrow Group, Bulmer & Lumb Holdings...

Channon names Collier inquiry team

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent
Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has appointed two inspectors to investigate the allegations of insider dealing...

A computer check of people registering for preferential treatment in the British Gas share sale has shown hundreds appear to be making multiple applications...

Mr Richard Blackburn, partner of Touche Ross which is handling the investigation, said potential multiple applicants would merely receive a "gentle letter"...

Yesterday's announcement follows the decision taken last week to rush forward the introduction of tough new powers of investigation under

Boesky resigns at Cambrian as US court impounds stake

By Richard Lander
Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced New York arbitrator who was fined \$100 million for insider trading on Friday...

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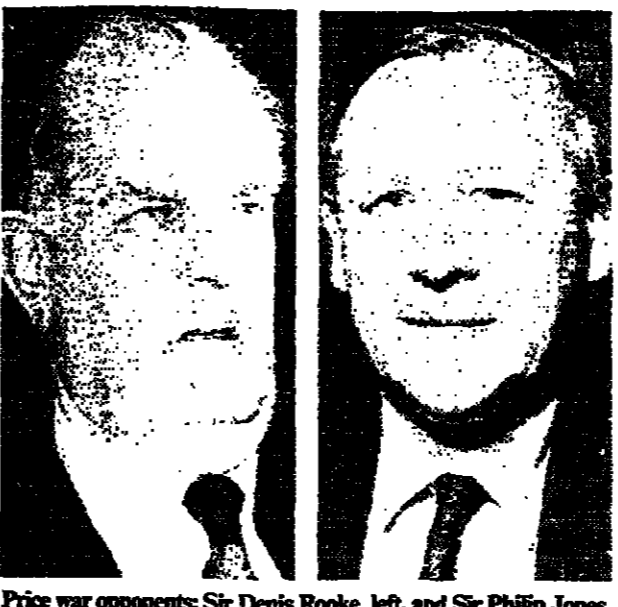
Washington seeks stronger rules to curb takeover deals

From Bailey Morris, Washington
The abrupt fall of Mr Ivan Boesky, fined \$100 million in an unprecedented insider trading case...

One of these informants was Mr Dennis Levine, an investment banker who pleaded guilty to securities fraud charges last summer...

Heath steps up bid defence

By Our City Staff
CE Heath, the insurance broker, stepped up its defence against the unwanted £170 million takeover offer from PWS Holdings last night...



Price war opponents: Sir Denis Rooke, left, and Sir Philip Jones

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Electricity industry Using Government statistics	£181 231
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British Gas faces fuel costs wrangle

By David Young, Energy Correspondent
British Gas, which moves into the private sector this month, has been accused of manipulating figures to make gas-heated homes appear much cheaper to run than houses using electricity...

British Gas broke with that tradition this year and used figures which the Electricity Council - whose chairman is Sir Philip Jones - says uses revised examples and assumptions which present a much poorer case for electricity...

Opec shift to fixed oil price may lift pound

By Our Energy Correspondent
Oil prices, which went above the \$15-a-barrel level at the end of last week are likely to continue to rise today in the wake of an Opec decision to return to a fixed-price system for oil with a target price of \$18 by the end of this year.

The Opec policy of sending prices down was partially intended to force non-Opec countries such as Britain to co-operate in production cuts to bring supplies into line with demand...

Report hits at fuel-aid policy failures

By Our Energy Correspondent
The government policy of paying fuel allowances to low-income households without ensuring that the homes involved are energy-efficient has been attacked by the Association for the Conservation of Energy...

Mr Andrew Warren, the association's director, said: "Every British winter brings reports in the media of fresh horror stories concerning those unable to keep themselves warm. Our American studies demonstrate clearly that such problems can be avoided."

UK paper groups cut energy bill

By Our City Staff
The British paper industry, among the country's largest energy users, achieved significant savings in its fuel bills last year in response to the Government's energy-saving campaigns...

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USM REVIEW

Rough and ready old ways gave public a better deal

The Stock Exchange's new rules on share placings - the means by which most USM companies come to market - dismayed many practitioners in the market this week.

several brokers, and this benefited liquidity. Post-Big Bang rules, imposed at short notice, appear to have made everyone unhappy.

US NOTEBOOK

Little hope of a big enough cut in imports

From Maxwell Newton New York The American consumer is showing no signs of wanting during the fourth quarter, to provide the sort of support for economic expansion that was forthcoming in the second and third quarters of this year.

COMMENT

Weak links in twin vision of the future

After so much introspection about the faults of Britain's industrial past, the CBI's initiative in collecting a group of young managers to look forward to the year 2010 was long overdue.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table with multiple columns listing various unlisted securities, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table with multiple columns listing investment trusts, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

COMPANY NEWS

TARGET MANAGED CURRENCY FUND: Year to June 30. Income was £64,208 (£164,400). Expenditure was £26,500 (£36,483). Net income was £37,708 (£127,917) and earnings per share were 9.1p (7.4p).

Tensions

The vision can be put in some perspective by comparing it with deliberations of another engineering committee in Japan. The object was for a group of mainly Japanese academics and non-Japanese businessmen to advise the Ministry of International Trade and Industry on how to develop the role of Japan in the global community.

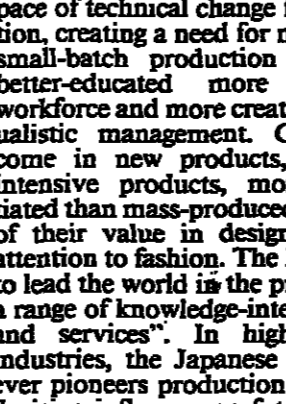


Kiyochi Miyazawa: Agreement

The prospects for narrowing the deficit have been reduced following the success which the Germans, the Japanese and the Swiss have had in halting the appreciation of their currencies against the dollar.

Reform

The education system is looking to the past rather than the future and needs reform. In Britain's case this means making it more responsive to market forces, business needs and technology.

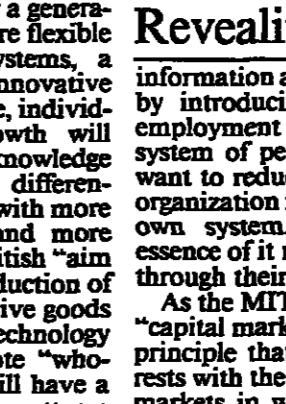


Kiyochi Miyazawa: Agreement

The Japanese have been particularly forceful in this regard. After the yen rose above 62 last Wednesday following the December futures contract, they spent the next two days dragging it back down in a stark example of the "agreement" between Mr Kiyochi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary.

Revealing

information and day-to-day decisions, by introducing equal conditions of employment and ending the status system of perks. While the Japanese want to reduce the dominance of the organization man, they too value their own system.



Kiyochi Miyazawa: Agreement

But that is not the only problem. The Japanese see their postwar system of lifetime employment breaking down, with a return to prewar insecurity for all but core employees, as labour mobility and individualism take over. They accept that this may mean workers will not work so well.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table with multiple columns listing financial trusts, including company names, prices, and other financial data.

AGREEMENT

The Japanese and the Germans are clearly determined that the devaluation of the dollar against their currencies must stop and are showing the determination with which they are enforcing this.

AGREEMENT

Having identified the problem, both groups walk smartly on. Yet, however desirable or inevitable this trend may be, it opens up the frightening prospect of an industrial caste system split between dynamic core company men and wandering labour.

AGREEMENT

Mr Reagan's power is failing and the pressure from US producers against imports and in favour of trading import concessions for export access is mounting.

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GILT-EDGED

City looks for a Tory return to dispel the autumn gloom

The gilts market clearly gave the autumn statement the thumbs-down last week, with the December long gilts future at one stage dropping by more than four points from the level achieved before the Chancellor began to speak. Is this an over-reaction?

REVENUE VERSUS EXPENDITURE

Table with columns: 1986 Budget, 1986 Autumn Statement, Golden Sachs Forecast. Rows: Gen Govt Expenditure, Gen Govt Revenue, Gen Govt Borrowing, Public Corp Mkt Borr, Tax Cuts, PSBR.

88 - such a figure might eventually be recognized as something of an achievement. Overall, then, the gilts market may well have overreacted to the autumn statement, but its nervous condition at the beginning of last week tells us that final investors now have precious little confidence in the underlying economic situation and have been more than usually reluctant to buy into dips.

transformed into a 2 per cent to 4 per cent Conservative lead, yet gilt yields have simultaneously risen by about 20 basis points. Clearly, the market has been registering its disapproval and concerns about the strategy being pursued by the present Government, but it is possible to justify 11 per cent to 11.5 per cent yields on the assumption of a re-elected Conservative Government with EMS membership after the election a very strong probability? I would seriously doubt it.

Hosain v East Berkshire Area Health Authority

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson. [Judgment November 14]. An award of damages, arising out of the negligent delay in diagnosing and treating an accidental injury, which sought to compensate the plaintiff for a 25 per cent loss of the chance of avoiding consequential long-term disability, was upheld by the Court of Appeal in dismissing the area health authority's appeal from an award of £11,500 damages made by Mr Justice Simon Brown on March 15, 1985.

Damages awarded for loss of chance

have made a very nearly full recovery. Having reviewed the authorities, the judge concluded that if the plaintiff proved both medical negligence and that he had thereby (a) lost a substantial chance of achieving a better medical result, or (b) incurred a substantial risk of a adverse medical result, he was entitled to damages. The judge awarded the plaintiff £11,500, being 25 per cent of the full liability figure of £46,000.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns: Rate, Bid, Ask. Rows: Euro Money Deposits, Treasury Bills, Local Authority Deposits, Local Authority Bonds, Sterling CDs, Dollar CDs.

APPOINTMENTS

Eldridge, Pope & Co: Mr Rowland Lagdon joins the board as a non-executive director. Milestone Leasing: Mr Ben Chesterfield is made finance director designate. Swan Hunter Shipbuilders: Mr Tim Stradwick becomes a director.

Group: Mr Peter Monkhouse

has been named group marketing director. Incharge: Mr Rod O'Donoghue has joined the board as finance director. American Re-Insurance Company (UK): Mr Gordon Diment becomes director and general manager. Mr Timothy Foax is to be director of operations and Mr Terence R Masters a director.

National Australia Bank Limited. Notice is hereby given that: 1. The Annual General Meeting of Stockholders of National Australia Bank Limited will be held at 36th Floor, 500 Bourke Street, Melbourne, on Thursday, January 22nd, 1987, at 11.00 a.m.

MPs to debate vanished £5m

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European Law Report Luxembourg

Exporter loses through purchaser's fraud

Irish Grain Board (Trading) Ltd v Minister for Agriculture Case 254/85. Before Judge C.N. Kakouris, President of the Sixth Chamber, and Judges T.F. O'Higgins, T. Koopmans, O. Due, K. Bahlmann and G.C. Rodriguez Iglesias. Advocate General G.F. Mancini (Opinion July 8, 1986). [Judgment November 11]. Where an agricultural product had not entered an importing member state for home use as a result of fraud on the part of the purchasers, the intervention agency responsible for payment of monetary compensatory amounts (MCAs) was entitled to refuse such payment to the exporter even where the exporter had acted in good faith in that transaction.

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Expired choice of jurisdiction term

Ireco Fiat SpA v Van Hool NV Case 313/85. Before Judge Y. Galmot, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges F.A. Schockweiler, U. Everling, R. Joliet and J.C. Moynihan de Almeida. Advocate General J.L. da Cruz Vilaça (Opinion October 7, 1986). [Judgment November 11]. In December 1956 an agreement was concluded between the parties for applying and implementing the agreements in question. The appellant's termination of those relations resulted in the present dispute. Before the court of first instance the appellant had relied on a jurisdiction clause embodied in one of the two initial agreements which conferred jurisdiction on the court at Turin.

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RACING: ASCOT WINNER EARNS TILT AT HENNESSY GOLD CUP

Church Warden triumph eases Dunwoody's aches and pains

By Michael Seely Richard Dunwoody, who gave up his remaining mounts at Ascot on Saturday after driving Church Warden to that exhilarating victory over Berlin in the H & T Walker Goddess Chase, got quickly back to action yesterday morning when schooling jumpers over fences at David Nicholson's stables at Stow-on-the-Wold.

Hammer Memorial Chase at Haydock on Wednesday, for which there were only four acceptors at yesterday's four-day stage. Church Warden's win at Ascot represented a skilful feat of training by Murray-Smith. "We've had a lot of problems with him," the trainer said yesterday. "He was inter- mittently lame for a long time so we sent him down to Bristol to be examined. They decided that his circulation was poor so we've had to keep him on the move seven days a week."



At the end of a week in which he took a series of heavy falls, Richard Dunwoody manages a wry smile after winning Ascot's H & T Walker Goddess Chase on Church Warden

Hern loses horses owned by Abdulla

Dick Hern's loyalty to Willie Carson has resulted in the removal of Khaled Abdulla's five horses from West Isley (Michael Seely writes). "I will not be training for the prince next season, although we have parted on perfectly friendly terms," the royal trainer said yesterday. "As I've well known, Pat Eddery has been engaged to ride Mr Abdulla's horses worldwide next season. Previously I had signed up Willie Carson for 1987, which will be our eleventh season together."

LEICESTER

12.45 Midnight Train. 1.15 Tinsel Rose. 1.45 Echo Sounder. By Michael Seely 1.45 ECHO SOUNDER (nap). 2.15 RISING FOREST (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 RISING FOREST.

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Includes races like 12.45 STOUTHILL NOVICE HURDLE and 1.15 JUNIOR SELLING HURDLE.

1.45 HANCOCK HANDICAP CHASE (€1,752: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Includes races like 2.15 JOHN O'GAUNT NOVICE CHASE and 2.45 THORPE SATCHVILLE HURDLE.

Fitzgerald to sustain good form

By Michael Phillips RISING FOREST is supposed to extend Jimmy Fitzgerald's fine recent run by winning the John O'Gaunt Novices' Chase at Leicester this afternoon. A decent novice over hurdles two years ago, Rising Forest was restricted to only a couple of races last season because of sinus trouble which necessitated three operations. But in the first of those he showed that the problem had been cured by finishing a highly creditable fourth in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March.

Aga Khan heads Irish list with just two winners

By Onir Racing Correspondent the odds-on Kingsmill, should have been beaten into third place in the last Flat race on Saturday by the aptly-named 50-1 winner, Future Shock. Michael Kinane, although out of action for several weeks through injury, evenly retained the jockeys' championship with 80 winners followed by Christy Roche on 53. The poor scoring rate of the 'Incent O'Brien' successives has made out of her 7lb penalty over the extra half-mile of the Leopardstown November Handicap. She is an entry in the Newmarket December Sale. If she does not sell there it is possible she will be hard to find elsewhere.

Course specialists

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Winner, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Lists various races and their results.

3.0 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: €265: 2m 30yd) (12 runners)

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Includes races like 3.00 FLYING FRANK and 3.00 THE PROCESSOR.

Leaders over the jumps TRAINERS

Table with 5 columns: Trainer, Wins, Runs, Pct. Lists top trainers like J. Fitzgerald and M. Dwyer.

Teleprompter only fifth behind surprise winner

Lieutenant's Lark (Robbie Davis) was the surprise winner of the Washington DC International at Laurel Park, Maryland on Saturday night. He made all the running and just held on to hold the disappointing Irish-trained Dance Of Life (Pat Day) by a neck. Teleprompter (Tony Ives), the lone British challenger, ran a respectable race to finish fifth, five lengths adrift of the winner. The Bill Watts-trained gelding picked up £16,783 for his efforts.

WINDSOR

1.00 My Son My Son. 3.00 Stars And Stripes. 3.00 Fiddlers. 3.30 The Processor. Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 Rogairio.

3.0 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICE HURDLE (Div 1: €265: 2m 30yd) (14 runners)

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Leaders over the jumps JOCKEYS

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Record for Lucky Ring in group race success

Lucky Ring (Willie Carson) easily won the group two £17,507 Premio Ribot in course record time at the Capannelle, Rome yesterday. A well-backed favourite at 13-10, Dick Hern's colt overcame his supporters' anxious moment. He hit the front over two furlongs out and stormed home 5 1/2 lengths clear of Capo Nord.

2.0 SALT HILL HANDICAP CHASE (€1,657: 3m) (11 runners)

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Includes races like 3.00 FLYING FRANK and 3.00 THE PROCESSOR.

3.0 WHITE HART HANDICAP HURDLE (€1,332: 2m 30yd) (22 runners)

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Course specialists

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Winner, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Lists various races and their results.

Saturday's results

Table with 5 columns: Race Name, Winner, Odds, Jockey, Trainer. Lists results from Ascot, Huntingdon, and Newcastle.

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FOOTBALL: GRAHAM REFUSES TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY A TABLE-TOPPING PERFORMANCE THAT FLOWS OUT OF A GOALKEEPER'S MISFORTUNE

When 'Lucky Arsenal' could not believe their spot of four-goal luck

By Vince Wright

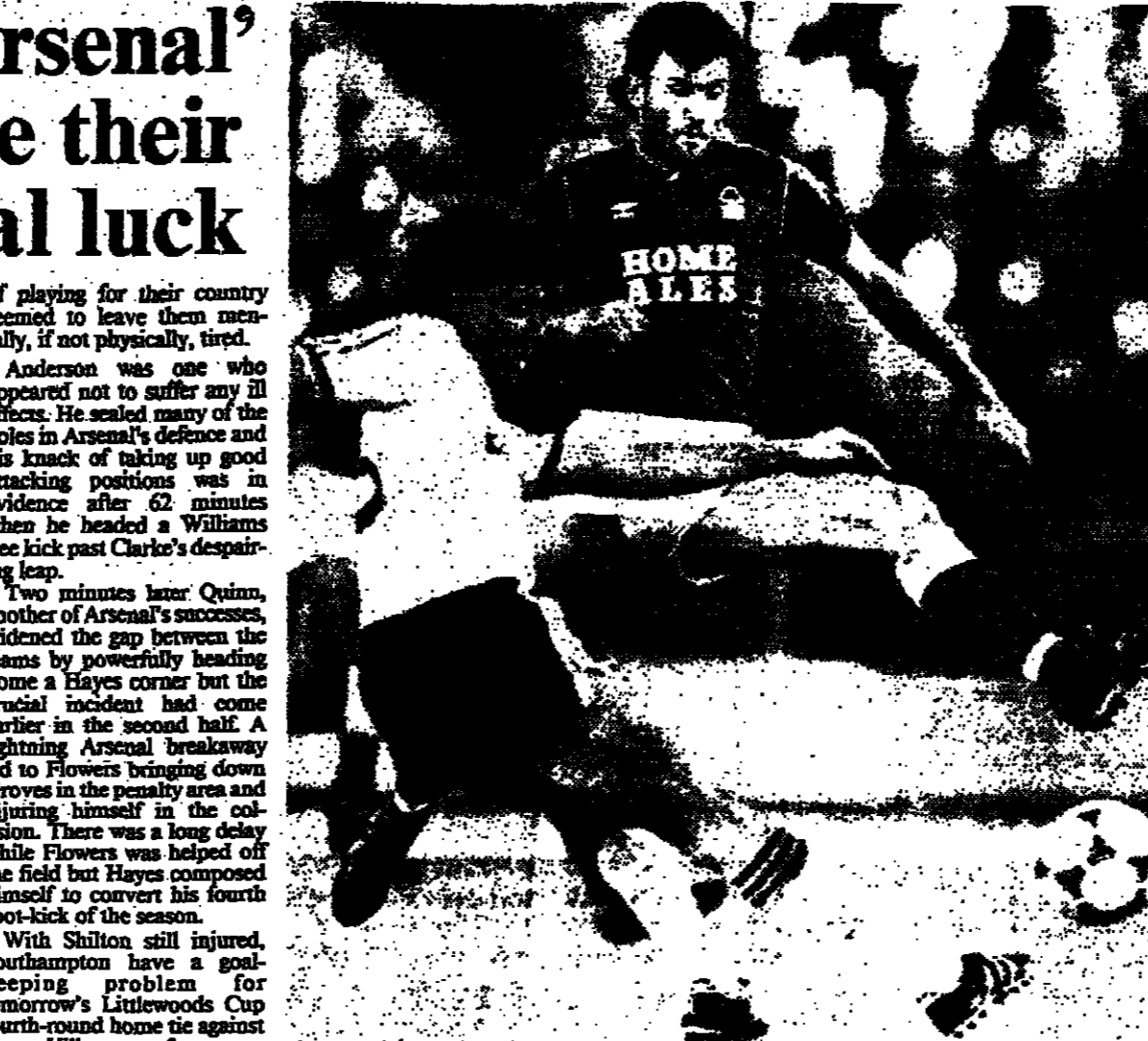
Southampton.....0
Arsenal..... 4

Championship challengers tend to achieve improbable victories on promising situations. At half-time, with the scores level, Wallace would have given Arsenal much chance of winning, let alone by such a decisive margin, but he helped by a large slice of luck: they were a side transformed in the second half. Saturday's result meant that Arsenal went to the top of the first division for the first time in two years. The goalkeeper was the biggest story in the outcome. Lukic, of Arsenal, who has blossomed considerably this season, was excellent. He handed cleanly and made three or four vital saves which included a second-half penalty from Wallace. Flowers, of Southampton, was unfortunate. He damaged his cheekbone when conceding the penalty that broke the deadlock and took no further part in the proceedings. Clarke took over between the posts and within 10 minutes had been beaten three times. Wallace's subsequent penalty miss confirmed that Arsenal's way at the top is perhaps significant that three of the players who were below par — Sansom, Adams and Rostace — were on England duty last week. The demands

of playing for their country seemed to leave them mentally, if not physically, tired. Anderson was one who appeared not to suffer any ill effects. He scaled many of the holes in Arsenal's defence and his knack of taking up good attacking positions was in evidence after 62 minutes when he headed a Williams free kick past Clarke's despairing leap.

Goalkeeper may have to be signed

Southampton face an anxious time as England goalkeepers Peter Shilton declares whether he is fit enough to face Aston Villa tomorrow. His understudy Tim Flowers was carried off with a depressed fracture of the cheekbone. Flowers, making his home debut in place of injured Shilton, looks set for a lengthy absence and manager Chris Nicholl said: "If Peter is not fit then I'll have to sign a goalkeeper on loan." While he is delighted that the team have done so well so soon, he said that he was disappointed with some individual performances against Southampton and that team spirit and organization had slipped. Arsenal, through it is perhaps significant that three of the players who were below par — Sansom, Adams and Rostace — were on England duty last week. The demands



Up and under, round ball version: Donaghy is the kicker and Birbles the human crossbar

Luton manager reserves his highest praise for Forest

By Nicholas Harling

Luton Town..... 4
Nottingham Forest..... 2

For once the emphasis was on the visiting team at Kendalworth Road and not the absence of the visiting team's supporters. "Outstanding," John Moore, the Luton manager, said. "Exceptional." He was describing not his own side, who had extended their unbeaten home record, but Nottingham Forest, who had made the main, but not the most significant, contribution to a game unlikely to be bettered in England this season. The trouble is, as Forest must have spent the rest of the weekend contemplating, there are no prizes for being best over the last 74 minutes even if it is that period of Saturday's match that will be most affectionately remembered by the crowd, whose applause at the end was rapturous. Never mind the scoreline, you could hear Forest saying, just feel the quality.

undoing. By the time they had found their feet they were three goals down and heading the same way. It seemed, as Southampton, who 13 months ago were crushed 7-0. The difference was that Forest, unlike Southampton and indeed Liverpool a month ago, did not lie down and die. Sticking obstinately, so we thought, to their virtues of playing football whatever the adversity, and in fear perhaps of the wrath of Brian Clough, they took the game so impressively to Luton that the outcome was always in doubt. From the imperious Megod at the back, through the ageing Bowyer and the youthful Webb in midfield, and Mills and Carr on the flanks, they had driven ever forward in search of chances for Nigel Clough and Birbles. Had Clough, twice in a few seconds, been able to capitalize on throwing passes from the flanks, they had spent the interval chugging on their ties. As it was, Luton emerged for the second half with the security of a 3-1 lead, which was increased to 4-1 at the interval. In fact, the rest of the match was their brother Mark's pass. When Birbles drove in Forest's second

Ferguson's model students emerge

By Clive White

Norwich City..... 0
Manchester United..... 0

Manchester United were a revelation on Saturday. It was hard to believe that we were watching roughly the same group of players who last week flunked their first examination under Alex Ferguson's tutelage just a week before at Oxford. The dunce's cap has been lifted. United are on their way back to the top of the form. You had to see at Carrow Road to understand that since on the face of things United were still found wanting in attack, unable to score against a goal that played with 10 men for more than half the game. But Ken Brown, the Norwich manager, saved his praises for United's 11 rather than his own plucky ten. "You could see they had been playing today — not in three weeks' time. I think you will see a vast change in them by then." Beneath a faceless expression the Scot from the granite city must have been affirming himself his first week since moving south. "There was a good pattern about them and, more importantly, they seemed to understand the pattern. But the most encouraging thing was their willingness to play — all they can play by the way — all they need is a little self-belief," Ferguson said and added with a conviction against which one could not argue that he is right. There was certainly not a great deal wrong with them although the need for a smart penalty-box player remains. Despite a particularly energetic performance from Stapleton they cannot rely upon him to score with any regularity and Davenport, though filling a

Spurs of the moment

By David Powell

Tottenham Hotspur..... 1
Coventry City..... 0

David Platt, in his first season as Tottenham's manager, is trying to formulate an acceptable balance between the beautiful game for which his club is renowned and effectiveness. On Saturday his position was too strongly biased with the latter. "The crowds do like skill in this country; they like to see clever things," Platt said. "But the manager has to get results. It can be a terrible conflict at times." Huddle of Tottenham had been as artistic as Huddle of England at Wembley in mid-week. Wallace set up for Arsenal, had the odd trick up their sleeves. But this was mainly a workmanlike performance. Other than Coventry themselves, only Newcastle United have scored fewer first division goals than Tottenham this season, yet Clive Allen is among the leading scorers.

goal from Clough's pass in the eightieth minute it was tempting fate at the time to say the goal had come too late for Forest, which ultimately it has. Reeling maybe from the echoes of a pre-match firework display, Forest had found themselves a goal down within 35 seconds. They could obviously have done with the mini party chutes released by the fireworks, judging by their inability to cope with the aerial prowess of Mark Stein, who is all of 5ft 3in. He plunged in with his first header after Newcastle had got the better of Megod and Walker from Sealey's long downfield kick and headed the second when Newell nodded Wilson's free kick against the other side of the bar. A further header from the more likely brow of Foster from a corner by Nicholas had put Luton 3-0 up after 16 minutes, after which Bowyer's low drive launched Forest on their unavailing recovery.

Telford in different league as Burnley find nowhere to go

By Paul Newman

Telford United..... 3
Burnley..... 0

The scenes after a non-League side has knocked League opponents out of the first non-League cup are usually predictable enough. The players say on the pitch to take the acclamation of the crowd, the manager runs out to congratulate them and the supporters refuse every minute of it, knowing they may never have a cause for such celebrations again. After Telford United's victory at home to Burnley in the first round of the Cup on Saturday, you could have been forgiven for thinking they had got the result wrong. The Telford manager shook hands with Burnley's officials and made straight for the tunnel. The Telford players immediately headed in the same direction, stopping only to shake hands with their opponents on the way. The crowd cheered and clapped, but within minutes Telford's Backs' Head ground was empty. Such reactions were perhaps not surprising. Telford made a deliberate effort these days not to take Cup success for granted, but even the bookmakers considered them favourites to win this match. Burnley, eighth from bottom of the fourth division, were up against, with the most consistent Cup giant-killing record in the last 60 years. In five seasons Telford have claimed 10 League scalps, become the first non-League club in modern times to knock out four League teams in one season, lost only four out of 19 Cup games against League opposition (away to Tranmere Rovers, Everton and Derby County twice), and remained undefeated in eight home games against League sides. If the statistics pointed to another 'loss', the merits of Telford's luck win should not be overlooked. This was still a team of part-timers, who usually train together only once a week, against full-time professionals, including five with extensive first division experience. Yet the only differences in class and style were reflected in the scoreline. Telford played the better football, created more chances and appeared to have far greater belief in their ability.

West Ham too smooth to enjoy the party

By Simon O'Hagan

Wimbledon's matches nearly always present a contrast in styles but never more than when they are playing West Ham United. So when the East End club's first flash touches to the home-spun environment of Plough Lane on Saturday it was an opportunity to see so much too football teams in opposition as two philosophies.

As might have been expected, West Ham knew just a bit too much for Wimbledon. With a goal from Côté 10 minutes into the second half. The watching Bobby Robson must have been impressed. But it was hard going for West Ham, as it always is when you turn up for a party in a suit and find all the other guests are wearing jeans. West Ham maintain their unbeaten away record in the League.

Oldham resolute in reprise

By Peter Ball

Leeds United..... 0
Oldham Athletic..... 2

Just like a year ago, Oldham were in second place when they travelled into Yorkshire for their 15th match of the season on Saturday. There the similarities end. In 1985 they lost 1-0 at Barnsley to begin a run of 10 games without a victory. It was that time, they were in the second division table. On Saturday a resolute performance against Leeds, a team with their own pretensions, swept Oldham to the top of the table with an authority which suggests they will be hard to shift. It was their sixth away win in eight matches, and with their plastic pitch giving them a distinct advantage at home, and

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Table containing weekend football results and league tables for various divisions including FA Cup, Scottish premier division, Scottish first division, Scottish second division, Southern Football League, Northern Counties East League, and others.

King just the job for Caernarfon

By Paul Newman

John King thought of applying for the manager's job at Stockport County when it fell vacant recently. (Paul Newman writes.) He has stayed however with Caernarfon Town, the Multipart League club he has managed for the last year, and after their 1-0 victory over Stockport in the replay against the FA Cup on Saturday he had every reason to feel pleased.

King, who has always hoped to return to the professional game since leaving Tranmere Rovers, yesterday wrote: "I decided that Stockport knew where I was if they wanted me, but I heard nothing. I do feel my track record is pretty good and that I could do a good job for someone else." In his year at Caernarfon, King has taken the Welsh club away from the bottom of the league and into championship contention. Saturday's victory was secured by one of his signings, Austin Salmon, who hit the winning goal against the fourth division's bottom side after 31 minutes. Salmon joined Caernarfon after being released by Multipart rivals Writon Albion. Telford United, 3-0 conquerors of Burnley, were the only other non-League giant killers, but four forced replays. Whitley Town drew 2-2 with

Close final but Flyers skate off the victors

By Norman de Mesquita

Nottingham Panthers..... 5
Fife Flyers..... 4

The introduction of ice hockey to the National Exhibition Centre for Saturday's Norwich Union cup final was an unqualified success. The evening was perfect, the large crowd enthusiastic and the game totally absorbing. The final result was decided in the second minute of sudden death overtime, following 60 minutes of play when there was never more than one goal between the two well-matched teams. Jimmy Jack, gave Fife Flyers the lead in the third minute, only for Fife Panthers to level things six minutes later. The only power-play goal of the match, by Gordon Latto, resumed Flyers' lead, but Jim Keyes scored on a rebound to take the teams to the dressing rooms for the first interval level at 2-2. Terry Kartenbach, who was outstanding for Nottingham Panthers, gave them the lead for the first time early in the second period, but a brilliant individual goal by Dave Stoyanovich ensured the teams were tied at 3-3 at the second interval. Keyes for Panthers and Stoyanovich for Flyers made the game first goal in overtime. Both sides had chances, but it was Panthers who prevailed when Andy Donald could only parry a long shot from Gavvy Fraser and Layton Erratt was on hand to score from 15 feet. This was tough for Donald, who was, quite rightly, the man of the match. But Panthers just about deserv'd their first success since the present ice hockey revival started.

SATURDAY

Saturday football results and tables for various leagues including National Conference, Southern League, and others.

SUNDAY

Sunday football results and tables for various leagues including Football Conference, Southern League, and others.

TENNIS

Noah's perseverance paves way past new Swede for all seasons

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Yannick Noah took three hours and 49 minutes to beat Jonas Svensson by 6-2, 6-3, 6-7, 4-6, 7-5 in a superb final at Wimbledon yesterday. Noah had five match points in the tie-break that ended the third set.

This was Noah's fifth final of the year in Grand Prix tournaments; in three of the others he had been beaten by Sweden. He has not been completely match fit since last April, when a suitcase dropped out of an aircraft luggage rack onto his heel.

A doubtful pleasure

Chicago - Hans Mandlikova has the dubious pleasure of facing the No. 1, Martina Navratilova, for the second time in six days, in the final of the Virginia Slims tournament in Chicago (Barry Wood writes). The pair contested the final of the New England tournament, which Navratilova won easily, and last night, Miss Mandlikova was determined to make amends for what had been a disappointing performance.

satellite player, a Swede for all seasons. He is an inventive tactician and has the wrist-work and touch and racket-control to make his ideas work. But he began yesterday's match rather nervously, making a few errors that had been anything but typical of his tennis earlier in the tournament.

Svensson is unfamiliar to the leading professionals, who have yet to work out what he is likely to do in this sort of practical situation. But Noah had at least worked out the fact that it is dangerous to go to the net against a player of Svensson's class unless the groundwork had been done thoroughly. Noah reminded us what a patient and competent tactician he can be. He is a marvellous athlete and a strong man, but he is also shrewd and discreet.

astutely and he seldom gave Svensson much of a target at which to shoot. Noah stayed back unless he had every justification for going forward. Consequently Svensson had to create winning openings for himself. This was almost impossible, because Noah's service seemed impregnable.

It was not until the end of the third set that Svensson had a chance. The Swede was 5-4 up in that set when he had his first break point of the match. Noah had three break points in the next game but we were soon launched upon one of those incredible tie-breaks that have been such a dramatic embellishment of the game's recent history.

This tie-break contained 26 points, five of them match points to Noah and four of them set points to Svensson. Svensson won that tie-break when a good service return set up the opening for a winner. Noah had served nine aces and had only once had a break point against him. But he had been at work for two hours and 18 minutes and now had to endure the awful prospect of a fourth set. It was soon evident that the energy was ebbing out of him.

and all lost. The only occasion she even took a set was in the best of five sets Virginia Slims championships in New York last March.

In the semi-final in Chicago she defeated Pam Shriver 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in a magnificent match that had the players hugging each other at the net in self-congratulatory embraces. Shriver said: "It's nice when you can look across the net and see respect, and it works both ways." In the other semi-final Miss Navratilova beat Zina Garrison 6-2, 7-5.



Down but not out: Yannick Noah takes a tumble but he persisted to defeat Jonas Svensson at Wimbledon yesterday

GOLF

Davis caps fine year with a win

Melbourne (Reuter) - Two years after he went broke when a hotel venture failed, Roger Davis capped a superb year by winning the Australian Open title at the Metropolitan Club yesterday.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull left trailing

The Kangaroos raced to the other end for tries. Australia scored nine tries through Hasler (2), Sterling, Meninga, Lamb (2), Miles, Jack and Shearer and O'Connor kicked six goals.

CRICKET

Sajid Ali opens for Pakistan

West Indies play the fourth one-day international with Pakistan here today slightly apprehensive about the reception they might receive from the spectators. They have not visited this city since the inaugural Test match here six years ago was marred by Sylvester Clarke who threw a brick into the crowd.

MYSONS RESTORE PRIDE

While Hull were taking the customary thrashing from the Australians and Hull Kingston Rovers were being beaten 24-16 by a late Leeds' burst, the amateur club, Mysons, were restoring the pride of Humberdale, beating the second division club, Batley, 8-2 to take their place in the first round proper of the John Player Special Trophy.

MOTOR RALLYING

Third stage unlucky for woman driver

The difficulties facing the drivers on the first day of the Lombard RAC rally were vividly illustrated at the start at Park Hill, Wetherby. Aileron Walker, of Britain, went off the road and hit a parked car, an ambulance and a spectator in a high-speed accident on the third special stage at Park Hill. Later competitors were delayed for 30 minutes.

YACHTING

Collision is costly for Murray

Australia IV beat Kookaburra III here yesterday in one of the closest races and finishes seen in the America's Cup trials. Nowhere in the 24-mile race were the yachts more than 20 seconds apart - that was until a collision on the third leg. In a breathtaking finish only two seconds separated the pair as they crossed the line.

HOCKEY

Flora corners a winner

Buckinghamshire, whose hockey fortunes had declined in recent years, qualified for the preliminary rounds of the county championship after a 2-0 win over Hampshire on an all-weather pitch at Langley yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

PIZZA EXPRESS: National League: Premier Division: Brighton 2, Blackpool 1; Championship: Reading 2, Millwall 1; Football League: Premier Division: Tottenham 2, Chelsea 1; Championship: Reading 2, Millwall 1.

ICE HOCKEY

QUEEN'S CLUB: New Stars all boys tournament: St Albans 4, St Albans 1; St Albans 4, St Albans 1; St Albans 4, St Albans 1.

REAL TENNIS

MANCHESTER: Scott Hunter over the limit championship final: Scott Hunter 4, David Thomson 2; Scott Hunter 4, David Thomson 2.

SQUASH

SOUTH HUMBERSIDE: Kingston International: Steve Dunning 4, Steve Dunning 1; Steve Dunning 4, Steve Dunning 1.

SWIMMING

CUMBERNAULD: Scottish Open meeting: James Duff 1, James Duff 1; James Duff 1, James Duff 1.

TRAMPOLINING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Commonwealth World Cup: Timmy Simons 1, Timmy Simons 1; Timmy Simons 1, Timmy Simons 1.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated FA Cup first round, replay. Chelmsford v Woking. CHELSEA LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich v Derby (7).

BADMINTON

MANHATTAN BEACH: California US Open championships: Janet Lee 2, Janet Lee 1; Janet Lee 2, Janet Lee 1.

YACHTING

SOLENT: Allot Linn Sailing club: Peter Goss 1, Peter Goss 1; Peter Goss 1, Peter Goss 1.

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Women's championship: Sherry Ang 2, Sherry Ang 1; Sherry Ang 2, Sherry Ang 1.

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ICE SKATING

Millionaire wanted

A unique five-volume collection of autographed football programmes from every club in the Football League and the Scottish League will be auctioned on Radio 2 today in aid of the Children in Need appeal.

CRICKET

One judge brave enough to ditch preconceptions

It may be seen in the future that November 13, 1986, was the day that Sharon Jones and Paul Ashkan, of Atricham, finally stepped out of the shadow of illustrious British ice dance titles. It was not so much their victory in the championship, sponsored by Tuborg Lager at Nottingham, as the manner of its achievement that called for a reassessment of their qualities.



Sharon Jones and Paul Ashkan after defeating their title

As winners last year, albeit diffidently, they were expected to prevail again, but they appeared as altogether more impressive skaters now, even compared with the couple who finished second in the St Ivel competition at Richmond. That happened only two months ago, yet they now seem to have moved up a class, with a polish and personality, allied to technical command, that was previously lacking. Their experience in international competition has clearly given them a confidence that communicates itself to the performance and creates the attack that commands attention.

More ID cards

Torusco United, who attract average sales of less than £2,000, are the latest club to introduce an identity card system for their supporters.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Davalle and Elizabeth Larard

When Britain became the front line

"This isn't warfare," says the man from Hull in A People's War (Channel 4, 10.00pm). "It's murder!"

CHOICE

the in-vision use of actors to speak the actual comments that were collated by Mass Observation during the war.

Black Lessons (ITV, 8.30pm), this week's World in Action report gives blacks in Britain the platform from which they can argue against the judgment of the Conservative MP who recently

categorized most West Indians as bone idle good-for-nothing and the even more sensational view expressed in more than one tabloid newspaper that West Indians in Britain are lawless, drug-taking and violent.

Best of the rest on TV: another chance to enjoy David Attenborough's memorable encounter with a family of mountain gorillas in Life on Earth (BBC1, 7.35pm); an encouraging film

about what two west London hospitals are doing to ease the burden of the elderly in Nurses (BBC2, 10.10pm); and the further adventures of the despicable Leslie Timmus, (now a widower and making capital out of it) in Paradise Postponed (ITV, 9.00pm).

Best on radio: Russell Davies's feature Realm of the Kingfisher (Radio 3, 7.30pm) about the free-wheeling American politician Huey P Long who was maligned in the Broderick Crawford film All the King's Men; and the repeat broadcast of Howard Barker's powerful play Scenes from an Execution (Radio 4, 8.15pm) with Glenda Jackson and Freddie Jones, which ran away with the 1985 Prix Italia for the year's best drama.



The four competitors in The Krypton Factor: From left, Anna Sroczyński, Stuart Worthington, Steve Cross, and Keith Marshall (ITV, 7.00pm)

Peter Davalle

BBC1 schedule listing programs like Ceefax AM, Breakfast Time, and various news and entertainment shows.

BBC 2 schedule listing programs like Ceefax, Daytime on Two, and various news and entertainment shows.

ITV LONDON schedule listing programs like Thames news headlines, Schools: Picture Box, and various news and entertainment shows.

CHANNEL 4 schedule listing programs like The Late Late Show, RTE's long-running music and chat show, and various news and entertainment shows.

VARIATIONS schedule listing programs like BBC1 Wales, ANGLIA, and various regional news and entertainment shows.

TV-AM schedule listing programs like Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys, and various news and entertainment shows.

Advertisement for Montilla wine, featuring a bottle and the text 'EVERY WINE from Montilla owes its delicate character and natural strength to the Solera system.'

Advertisement for World Service, listing various radio programs and their frequencies.

Advertisement for Radio 5, listing various radio programs and their frequencies.

Advertisement for Radio 4, listing various radio programs and their frequencies.

Advertisement for Radio 3, listing various radio programs and their frequencies.

Advertisement for Radio 2, listing various radio programs and their frequencies.

SPORT

England rest happy in winning mood

COMMENTARY



David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Brisbane

Never did a side so confident...

Bolstered by a superb century...

In spite of all the pre-match propaganda...

Yesterday, they were positive and persevering...

Yet nothing could have seemed less likely...

Having done an admirable job for Australia...

Marsh had not long passed his 50...

Edmonds bowled from one end...

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Scoreboard

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes names like B.C. Broad, G.R. Matthews, and bowlers like G.R. Matthews, G.R. Matthews.

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Up, up and away: England hopes soar as Dilley (left) ends the Australian innings...



Up, up and away: England hopes soar as Dilley (left) ends the Australian innings...

Dilley raises his sights

Graham Dilley, whose figures of five for 68 were the best of his Test career...

This, though, was no slog. That was the most impressive and, for Australia, the most ominous thing about it...

Temperament for the task in hand

The result in Sweden is that their youngsters develop a temperament which is capable of moving ahead of their technique...

Knowles has to graft

Tony Knowles, the world No. 4, found himself with a struggle on his hands yesterday in the Tennents £300,000 UK Open Championship at Preston...

AIR-INDIA advertisement featuring text about aircraft purchase, technical details, and contact information.

Liverpool's frustration shows

The Big Match at Anfield featured the beauty and the beast. Yesterday's first division fixture, covered live by the cameras of ITV...

Hopes fading for the solo sailor Caradec

Hopes were fading yesterday for Loic Caradec, the skipper of the 85ft French catamaran, Royale, which was found capsized on Saturday...



Caradec: radio problems showed the catamaran was still leading the race.

Celtic firm favourites

Celtic beat Dundee United, their joint opponents at Parkhead, 1-0 to consolidate their claim as firm favourites to win the premier division championship again...

Sport in Brief

- Victory for McGhee: Neil McGhee, beat Willie Wood of Edinburgh...
Soviet surge: The Soviet Union rugby union team had an unexpected 16-14 win over the World Cup finalists Italy in yesterday.
Lola pull out: Lola cars are to be withdrawn temporarily from world championship formula one racing...
Wolves roar: The Wolverhampton judo club swept into the final of the European Club team championships on Saturday...
Mota's race: Tokyo (Reuters) - Rosa Mota, of Portugal, easily won the Tokyo women's marathon on Saturday...
Title for Bean: Kapulua (Reuters) - Andy Bean won the Kapulua international golf tournament in Hawaii.
Surrey on top: Surrey dominated the All-England women's lacrosse tournament on Saturday...
Bouncing back: Susan Shotton, Britain's former world champion, won the women's title at the Hermes World Cup at Crystal Palace yesterday.
Reggi plays Goles: San Juan - Italy's Raffaella Reggi and Sabrina Goles, of Yugoslavia, reached the final of the Florida-Virginia Slims women's world championship series here (Associated Press reports).

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